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Administrative County of Middlesex.

ANNUAL REPORT

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TO THE CHAIRMAN, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS
OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR, MY LORD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1930. This is the second of the "survey" reports which the Ministry of Health requires to be drawn up every five years. Accordingly, it will be found to be materially increased in size as compared with its predecessors of the past four years. From the point of view of public health the year 1930 will always remain memorable as the one in which the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1929, came into force, with the consequent transference to the County Council of the powers and duties of the late Guardians in respect of the provision of medical assistance for the necessitous. Whilst the Local Government Act contains many provisions affecting public health and of a far-reaching character, the vesting in the County Council of the responsibility for the control and management of the many large institutions and hospitals, initiated and developed by the late Boards of Guardians, stands out as the most prominent feature of the Act. During recent years public opinion has undergone a marked change with regard to the character of the provision for the treatment of the sick which it is considered should properly be made by the authorities responsible for the administration of the Poor Law. This change has been much more evident in some areas than in others, and in consequence different Boards of Guardians have interpreted their duties in different ways. This is reflected in the County of Middlesex, where it was found that the standard of service provided at the several transferred hospitals was far from uniform. During the nine months in which the County Council has been responsible for the management of the hospitals, &c., endeavour has been made gradually to create an equally efficient hospital service throughout the whole County.

It is a matter for congratulation that so far as can be ascertained the change over in management of the hospitals and institutions has not been attended by any disorganisation but rather the reverse, and the work in these establishments has continued without hitch or interruption. In this connection I would venture to refer to the wholehearted manner in which the members of the committees of management of the various hospitals and institutions have accepted their very onerous responsibilities. The enormous demands on their time and energies, which the new duties have made upon them, have been met with sympathy and cheerfulness, and it is this spirit of helpfulness and enthusiasm which has contributed in no small degree to the success which has attended the County Council's exercise of its new powers.

The five years dealt with in this report have been marked by a very rapid development in many parts of Middlesex. This has been commented upon by local Medical Officers of Health, but, hitherto, no trustworthy statistics have been available. In April, 1931, the decennial census was taken, and the results of this enumeration of the population have been utilised in estimating the population in 1930. From the census returns it is clear that the County of Middlesex is the most rapidly growing area of its size in the Kingdom. Between 1921 and 1931 the population has increased by no less than 30·8 per cent., and from local knowledge it is evident that the greatest growth has taken place during the later years of this decade, and is continuing at the present time.

These facts in themselves indicate the difficult character of the problem of providing efficient social services which the County Council of Middlesex has to face. Even if no improvement or advance in any service were required, to maintain the proportion of accommodation in institutions, hospitals, sanatoria, schools, &c., to population which was available ten years ago, would require an increase of nearly 40 per cent. on the provision available at that time. When to this factor must be added the evergrowing tendency of the public to make use of services provided by local authorities, it is evident that large expenditure (both in respect of capital and maintenance) in this County is inevitable.

As a whole the vital statistics for the year 1930 are satisfactory, and indicate the continued healthiness of the population in Middlesex. The general death-rate, the infantile mortality-rate and the death-rate from tuberculosis are all the lowest recorded, whilst the birth-rate, although slightly lower than that for 1929, in view of the correction of population resulting from the census, may be regarded as stationary. There is one disquieting feature revealed by the year's statistics, however, and this is the alarming increase in the rate of maternal mortality, which this year has reached the figure of 4·15 per 1,000 births. It is especially to be regretted that more than half the deaths are recorded as due to puerperal sepsis, and it is to be hoped that this experience may not be repeated in future years.

I am indebted to the County Solicitor for an interesting memorandum on the County Council's Bill for conferring upon the Middlesex County Council powers as a main sewerage authority in so far as the western area of the County is concerned. No apology is needed for setting this out at some length, for the problem of providing for the efficient disposal of sewage at a minimum number of

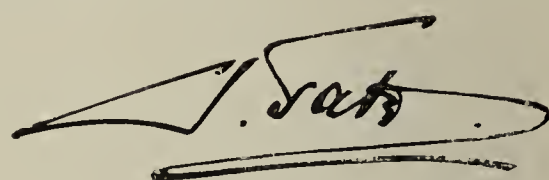
sites is a matter not only affecting the social amenities of the districts, but of the greatest import to public health in an area which is rapidly being urbanised as is the case in Middlesex.

On page 76 will be found a detailed statement of the provision in the County available for the isolation of cases of infectious diseases. The Local Government Act, 1929, requires the County Council to survey this and formulate, in consultation with the councils of districts, "a scheme for the provision of adequate hospital accommodation for the treatment of infectious diseases within the County." At the close of the year this matter was engaging the attention of the Council.

In conclusion I would offer my apologies for the very belated appearance of this report, due solely to the great increase of work which has devolved upon the Public Health Department and upon me personally, as a result of the Local Government Act, 1929, and at the same time I desire to place on record my appreciation of the loyal assistance I have received from all members of my staff, mentioning especially my deputy, Dr. Macaulay, and my assistant, Dr. Perkins, who together have been responsible for much of the matter appearing in this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



County Medical Officer.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
10, GREAT GEORGE STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

November, 1931.

Staff.

WHOLE-TIME OFFICERS.

County Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

J. Tate, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy County Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer :

H. M. C. Macaulay, M.D., B.S., B.Sc., D.P.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer of Health :

A. C. T. Perkins, M.D., B.S., D.P.H.*

Tuberculosis Medical Officers :

F. R. B. Atkinson, M.D., C.M.

O. Bruce, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

S. Trevor Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

J. R. B. Dobson, M.B., B.S., B.Sc.

H. Evans, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

W. S. Forbes, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officers :

(Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Inspection and Treatment.)

Mrs. A. M. Burn, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Miss J. R. Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.†

R. N. Daniel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Miss K. Glyn-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.‡

W. R. H. Heddy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Barrister-at-Law.

H. W. Moir, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Lieut.-Col. H. L. W. Norrington, D.S.O.,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Miss M. K. Ruddy, M.D., B.S., B.Sc.

Mrs. R. H. Shelley, M.B., B.S.

Miss G. Wilson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Veterinary Inspector :

(Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, and Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.)

Sidney Villar, F.R.C.V.S.

Senior Dental Officer :

(Maternity and Child Welfare, County Sanatoria, School Dental Treatment.)

S. J. Smith, L.D.S.

Assistant Dental Officers :

(Maternity and Child Welfare and School Dental Treatment.)

J. V. Bingay, L.D.S.

Miss I. M. Broom, L.D.S.

R. E. Cook, L.D.S.

R. V. Kingham, L.D.S.

Mrs. C. S. Leiper, L.D.S.

*Inspector of Midwives and Superintendent of
Health Visitors :*

Miss A. A. I. Pollard.

Inspector of Midwives :

Miss C. A. M. Coleman.

Tuberculosis Dispensary Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	13
Health Visitors and School Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	24
Dental Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	6
Midwives	..	..	..	..	..	2

* Commenced duty, 22nd January, 1930.

† Commenced duty, 10th September, 1930.

‡ Appointed whole-time Assistant Medical Officer, 1st January, 1930.

PART-TIME OFFICERS.

Consulting Obstetric Physicians :(1) *Central Ante-natal Clinic :*

J. S. Fairbairn, M.A., F.R.C.S. (Eng.), F.R.C.P.

(2) *Puerperal Fever. &c., Regulations, 1926 :*

J. M. Wyatt, M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Ophthalmic Surgeons :

(Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Services.)

Mrs. S. G. Banham, M.B., B.Sc.

F. A. C. Tyrrell, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Assistant Medical Officers :

(Maternity and Child Welfare.)

L. W. Hignett, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.

F. A. Spreat, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.P.H.

HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS AND SANATORIA.

NORTH MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Medical Superintendent :

Spencer Mort, M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.(Edin.), F.R.S.(Edin.).

Deputy Medical Superintendent :

A. W. Gregorson, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.

Surgeon :

R. L. Galloway, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.(Edin.).

Assistant Medical Officers :

K. A. Hudson, M.B., Ch.M.

H. K. Houston, M.B., B.Ch.

R. V. Horniman, M.B., Ch.M.

P. J. Nagle, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

H. O. Blauvelt, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

D. Simpson, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch.

C. R. McCash, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.(Edin.).

Miss E. A. Pennycuick, M.B., Ch.B.

Matron :

Miss A. Dowbiggin, M.B.E., R.R.C.

WEST MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Medical Superintendent :

J. B. Cook, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officers :

Miss M. W. Warren, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

M. Deane, M.D.

A. W. Badenoch, M.A., M.D.

J. A. McLean, M.D.

Matron :

Miss E. Huggins.

CENTRAL MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Medical Superintendent and Master :

W. E. Turner, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Assistant Medical Officers :

T. G. I. James, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc., F.R.C.S. (Eng. and Edin.).

N. M. Matheson, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.), M.R.C.P.

A. D. Abdullah, M.B., Ch.M., M.R.C.P.

Matron :

Miss B. Gebhard.

REDHILL COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Medical Superintendent :

J. N. Deacon, M.B., B.S.

Deputy Medical Superintendent :

W. A. Steel, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Assistant Medical Officer :

Locum tenens.

Surgeon (part-time) :

R. Trevor Jones, F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Matron :

Miss L. F. Dykes.

HILLINGDON COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Medical Superintendent :

R. Rutherford, F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

REDHILL INSTITUTION.

Medical Officer (part-time) :

A. Findlater, B.A., M.D., B.Ch.

STAINES INSTITUTION.

Medical Officer (part-time) :

L. R. Pickett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

EDGBURY CONVALESCENT HOME, WOBURN SANDS.

Medical Officer (part-time) :

J. N. Alexander, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Matron :

Miss M. A. Bishop.

EDMONTON HOUSE, ENFIELD HOUSE, CHASE FARM SCHOOLS, WARKWORTH HOUSE,
HILLINGDON INSTITUTION :

The medical care of patients and inmates in these institutions is provided by the medical staffs of the hospitals set out above.

COUNTY SANATORIUM, HAREFIELD.

Medical Superintendent :

J. R. McGregor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Assistant Medical Officer :

F. A. H. Simmonds, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.

Assistant Medical Officers :

K. R. Stokes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

D. G. M. Edwards, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Matron :

Miss C. Woodward.

COUNTY SANATORIUM, CLARE HALL, SOUTH MIMMS.

Medical Superintendent :

A. C. Tabois, M.D.

Senior Assistant Medical Officer :

R. V. Cookes, L.M.S.S.A.

Assistant Medical Officer :

J. T. N. Roe, M.B., Ch.B.

Matron :

Miss M. Brown.

PUBLIC VACCINATORS AND DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS (PUBLIC ASSISTANCE).

Name.	Qualifications.	District.
<i>Northern Area—</i>		
Cattle, Fanny	B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Tottenham (West Green).
Duff, J. M.	M.B., Ch.B.	Edmonton (North).
Hill, A. C.	M.A., M.B., Ch.B.	Tottenham (High Cross).
Hill, J. E.	M.B., B.Ch.	Enfield Highway and Ponders End.
McLaren, T.	M.B., B.Ch.	Tottenham (Lower).
Shaw, J.	M.A., M.B., Ch.B.	Edmonton (South).
Toop, B. M.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	{ Enfield (Cooper's Lane). Enfield Town.
<i>North-Eastern Area—</i>		
Bensted, L. (D.M.O. only) ..	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Friern Barnet (South).
Buckler, E. F.	M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ..	Highgate.
Evans, G. P.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Friern Barnet (North).
Evans, G. P. (P.V. only) ..	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Friern Barnet (South).
Gleed, S. R.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Finchley (North).
Hayes, W. E.	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ..	South Mimms.
Hicks, T. W.	M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Finchley (South).
James, F.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Wood Green.
Kerr, C. H.	M.D., B.Ch.	Winchmore Hill.
Pearman, T. E. A.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Hornsey (Harringay).
Woodcock, H. C.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Southgate.
<i>Central Area—</i>		
Andrew, F. W.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Hendon Central and Hendon West (pt.).
Baron, R. W.	M.B., Ch.B.	Child's Hill.
Butler, C. J.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Wealdstone.
Dyson, H. E.	M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ..	Wembley.
Findlater, A.	B.A., M.D., B.Ch.	Edgware, Little Stanmore and Lower Hale.
Levick, G. D. B.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Pinner.
Little, Margaret	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Burnt Oak and Watling Estate.
Morley, A. H.	M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ..	Mill Hill (pt.).
Myers, L.	M.B., B.S.	Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb.
Pennefather, C. M.	M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ..	Harrow-on-the-Hill.
Romer, R. L.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Great Stanmore and Harrow Weald.
Routledge, Mary	M.B., Ch.B.	Kingsbury.
<i>Willesden Area—</i>		
Auty, C. H. (D.M.O. only) ..	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Willesden (No. 2).
Scott, C. F. T. (P.V. only) ..	M.B., Ch.B.	Harlesden.
Smith, J. A. (D.M.O. only) ..	M.D., M.R.C.S.	Willesden (No. 1).
Smith, P. (P.V. only)	M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Kilburn.
Stocker, W. W. (D.M.O. only) ..	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Willesden (No. 3).
<i>Western Area—</i>		
Caverhill, A. M.	M.D., Ch.B., D.T.M.	Hanwell and Ealing (pt.), Greenford and Perivale.
Cockle, W. P.	B.A., M.D., B.Ch.	Ealing (pt.) and West Twyford.
Dixon, C. F. L.	M.D., M.R.C.S.	Acton.

Name.	Qualifications.	District.
<i>Western Area—continued.</i>		
Dobson, W. T.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Uxbridge and Ickenham.
Hignett, L. W.	M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Ruislip.
How, F. R.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Harefield.
Mulligan, Olive	M.B., B.Ch.	Northolt.
McKenna, J.	M.B., B.Ch.	Norwood.
Norman, Jessie	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Yiewsley and West Drayton.
Parrott, J. N.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Hayes.
Vickers, H.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Cowley and Hillingdon.
<i>Southern Area—</i>		
Cassells, W. L.	B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.	Twickenham.
Christian, L. B. (P.V. only)	M.B., C.M.	Heston, Isleworth (pt.).
Coffey, P.	L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.	Cranford, Harlington and Har- mondsworth (Sipson and Heath- row).
Ducat, A. D.	M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Chiswick.
Gordon, S. E.	L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.	Sunbury.
Gunther, H. A.	M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Hampton Wick.
Heiser, A. L.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Harmondsworth (Longford) and Stanwell.
Kennedy, J.	M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S.I.	Ashford.
Mann, A. C.	M.B., B.Ch.	Laleham and Staines.
Montgomery, V. C. (P.V. only)	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth.
Morgan, V. V.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Hampton Hill (S. James).
Neil, R. C.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Brentford and Brentford End.
Owen, A. D.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.	Hampton.
Parr, A. C. E. (D.M.O. only)	B.A., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.	Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth.
Sadler, C. G. A.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Teddington.
Serjeant, R. (D.M.O. only) ..	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Heston, Isleworth (pt.).
Smith, R. C.	M.B., Ch.B.	Isleworth (pt.).
Urquhart, A.	M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Shepperton and Littleton.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT STATISTICS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Area (including inland water)	148,692 acres.
Population 1921 (census)	1,253,002
„ 1930 (estimated)	1,564,100
Number of inhabited houses, 1921 (census)	236,266
„ „ „ end of 1930 (according to rate-books)	361,632
Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921 (census)	298,437
Rateable value, 1930	£13,256,798 10s.
Product of a penny rate, 1930	£54,797
Live births—	Total. Male. Female.
Legitimate	23,875 12,205 11,670
Illegitimate	965 495 470
Birth-rate	15·9
Stillbirths	894
„ Rate per 1,000 total births	36·0
Deaths	14,654
Death-rate	9·4
Percentage of total deaths occurring in public institutions	42·9
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :—	
From sepsis	55
From other causes	48
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4·15
Infantile mortality rate :—	
Legitimate	45
Illegitimate	128
Total	48
Deaths from measles (all ages)	135
„ whooping cough (all ages)	44
„ diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	131

Administrative County of Middlesex.

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Natural and Social Conditions.

AREA.—The County of Middlesex has an area, inclusive of inland water, of 148,692 acres. It is bounded on the north by the County of Hertford, on the east by the County of Essex from which it is separated by the River Lea, on the south-east by the County of London, on the south by the River Thames, which separates it from the County of Surrey, and on the west by the County of Buckingham.

There are no county boroughs in Middlesex, so that the administrative county coincides with the geographical county. For purposes of local government Middlesex is divided into 32 separate sanitary areas, as follow :—

4 municipal boroughs	..	..	..	..	..	with an area of	16,736 acres.
26 urban districts	..	..	..	..	..	„	114,533 „
2 rural districts	..	..	..	..	..	„	17,423 „

With a view to the promotion of more efficient local administration, a reduction in the number of separate sanitary areas has been effected during recent years by a process of amalgamation or absorption of districts. When the last “ survey ” report was written in 1925, the number of separate sanitary districts in the county was 37. During the intervening years five county districts have ceased to exist as separate units of local government. The principle of reducing the number of autonomous local government areas finds support in the Local Government Act of 1929 ; and provided that the resultant areas are not unwieldy, either in respect of population or acreage, there is no doubt that the creation of relatively large local government areas is likely to lead to increased efficiency and economy in sanitary administration. Particulars of four county districts, which since 1925 have ceased to act as separate authorities, have been given in previous reports and only one remains to be mentioned, viz., the Rural District of Staines, which on 1st April, 1930, was partitioned as follows : the parishes of East Bedfont and Hanworth were transferred to Feltham Urban District, the parishes of Cranford and Harlington to Hayes (renamed Hayes and Harlington) Urban District, the parish of Stanwell and parts of Ashford, Laleham and Littleton to Staines Urban District, the parish of Shepperton and the remainder of Ashford, Laleham and Littleton to Sunbury Urban District, and the parish of Harmondsworth to the Urban District of Yiewsley and West Drayton.

POPULATION.—In April, 1931, the decennial census of the population was taken, and although in this report, which deals with the year 1930 and, to a lesser extent, with the four preceding years, it is not proposed to enter upon any detailed consideration of the census figures, some reference must be made here.

The actual enumeration of the population takes place only once every ten years ; during each of the intervening years the population is estimated by the Registrar-General and his calculation is based upon the principle, which in the aggregate is substantially correct, that the *rate* of increase (or decrease) of a population is fairly constant within a limit of ten years. The estimated populations for the years 1922 to 1929 were calculated from the census figure of 1921, to which was added each year a number estimated to represent the increase of population, based upon the actual growth which occurred between the two previous census years 1911 and 1921. The census taken in 1931, however, showed very clearly that, so far as Middlesex is concerned, the population has been the subject of influences which are incalculable. In the year 1921 the population of the administrative county was 1,253,002 : in 1931 the census revealed a population of 1,638,521. In ten years, therefore, the population had increased by 385,519, or rather more than 30 per cent., a proportional growth greater than that recorded for any other administrative or geographical county in England and Wales.

The results revealed by the census of 1931 will naturally call for detailed comment when my annual report for that year is written. Mention is made of them here for two reasons. In the first place, the Registrar-General in estimating the population for 1930 made his calculation for that year upon the census figures for 1931 and not upon those of 1921. Secondly, the result thus attained demonstrated an increase of population out of all proportion to that estimated for the previous intercensal years, and the unexpectedly high figure of population now revealed colours the whole of the statistical portion of this report. The whole record of health administration in the county, in fact, needs to be viewed in the light of the new knowledge which has been obtained regarding the phenomenal growth of population of Middlesex.

The population of the county in mid-1930, as estimated by the Registrar-General upon the 1931 census was 1,564,100, an increase of 311,098 above the actual population in 1921 and of 101,450 above the estimated population for 1929.

In 1925, the year for which the last survey report was written, the estimated population was 1,306,430—a figure which probably was substantially correct. Since that year the population has grown by 257,670, over a quarter of a million, or an increase of approximately 20 per cent. This may be expressed in another way by stating that for every five residents in the County of Middlesex in 1925 there were six in 1930. It is fairly evident that by reason of greatly accelerated immigration into the County during the last few years—a factor the accurate estimation of which is not possible during intercensal periods—the estimates of population for the later years of the decennium 1921–31 were too low, probably progressively too low. Comparisons of rates based upon the population (birth-rate, death-rate, disease incidence-rates, &c., for the year 1930) with those of the previous year, therefore, are apt to be fallacious: and conclusions drawn from such comparisons should be made with reserve. The infantile mortality rate, maternal mortality rate and the case mortality rate of diseases are not calculated with reference to the total population, so that the above considerations do not arise in connection with these rates.

Excluding the personnel of the Army and Royal Air Force in the County, the estimated civilian population in 1930 was 1,560,120.

Information regarding the enumerated population at the census in 1911 and 1921 and the estimated population in 1930 for each of the sanitary districts in the County is contained in the following table:—

POPULATION.

Sanitary District.	Census 1911.	Census 1921.	Estimated by Registrar-General, 1930.	
			Total.	Civilian.
<i>Urban.</i>				
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	57,497	61,299	68,230	68,230
{ *Brentford	16,571	17,032	61,130	61,130
{ *Chiswick	38,697	40,938		
†Ealing (<i>Borough</i>)	{ 61,222 [81,415]	{ 67,755 [89,697]	111,800	111,800
Edmonton	64,797	66,807	76,470	76,470
Enfield	56,338	60,738	66,840	66,840
Feltham	5,135	6,326	{ 15,130† (13,670)	{ 14,790† (13,330)
Finchley	39,419	46,716	57,030	57,030
Friern Barnet	14,924	17,375	22,440	22,440
Hampton	9,220	10,675	12,610	12,610
Hampton Wick	2,417	3,265	2,970	2,970
Harrow	17,074	19,469	25,890	25,890
Hayes and Harlington	4,261	6,303	{ 21,320† (20,260)	{ 21,320† (20,260)
Hendon	38,806	56,013	98,540	98,230
Heston and Isleworth	43,313	46,664	70,420	69,610
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	84,592	87,659	92,520	92,520
Kingsbury	821	1,856	13,060	13,060
Ruislip-Northwood	6,217	9,112	15,080	14,420
Southall-Norwood	26,323	30,287	37,560	37,560
Southgate	33,612	39,122	52,850	52,850
Staines	6,755	7,326	{ 20,160† (17,130)	{ 20,160† (17,130)
Sunbury	4,607	5,350	{ 13,150† (11,660)	{ 13,150† (11,660)
Teddington	17,847	21,213	22,950	22,950
Tottenham	137,418	146,711	157,400	157,400
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	29,367	34,790	38,290	38,290
Uxbridge	10,374	12,919	30,110	28,390
Wealdstone	11,923	13,433	29,330	24,330

* The Urban Districts of Brentford and Chiswick were amalgamated on 1st April, 1927.

† The figures in square brackets represent the combined census populations of the Borough of Ealing and the Urban Districts of Greenford and Hanwell in 1911 and 1921 respectively. The two latter districts ceased to exist as separate entities on 1st October, 1926, when the Borough of Ealing became enlarged by their addition.

‡ Consequent upon the abolition of the Staines Rural District on 1st April, 1930, and the distribution of the area amongst surrounding districts, it has been necessary, for the purpose of calculating the birth-rates and death-rates of the districts concerned, to make adjustment of the several populations estimated at the mid-year. The necessary figures have been furnished by the Registrar-General, and are given in italics.

Sanitary District.	Census 1911.	Census 1921.	Estimated by Registrar-General, 1930.	
			Total.	Civilian.
<i>Urban</i> —continued.				
Wembley	10,696	16,187	42,790	42,790
Willesden	154,214	165,674	180,000	180,000
Wood Green	49,369	50,707	54,020	54,020
Yiewsley and West Drayton ..	4,315	4,843	{ 12,370* 11,640	12,230* 11,500
<i>Rural.</i>				
Hendon	14,160	17,656	41,540	41,540
South Mimms	2,805	3,134	5,110	5,100
Staines	21,926	25,063	(7,770)	(7,770)*
†Uxbridge	9,240	10,643	—	—
The County	1,126,465	1,253,002	1,564,100	1,560,120

* See note ‡ on page 2.

† The Rural District of Uxbridge was abolished on 31st March, 1929, when part of the district was transferred to Uxbridge Urban District and the remainder to the Urban District of Yiewsley and West Drayton.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.—Urbanisation is proceeding in Middlesex at a pace which is probably unequalled in any other county of Great Britain. Starting from that portion of the county which adjoins the County of London, the process has spread centrifugally and has transformed, and continues rapidly to transform, the peripheral parts of Middlesex. In the central districts development of an intensely urban character is almost complete. Further afield, however, in the newly developing districts, although the inroads of the builder have seriously encroached upon the natural charm of the country-side, wise schemes of town-planning have prevented unrestricted building and have resulted in the appearance of residential localities of semi-rural character interspersed with open spaces. The inhabitants of these newly-appearing residential areas consist largely of persons who travel daily to London to earn their living: the development of electric railways and road transport services during the last few years has progressively expanded the circle in which a person may reside and still be within easy reach of his daily work in London.

In addition, however, to providing a dormitory for London workers, Middlesex has industries of its own. With the advance of building, agriculture and dairy-farming have greatly diminished in importance as industries, but (as will be seen later in this report) there is still an appreciable amount of milk production within the County, whilst in the south-western part of Middlesex, in the Thames Valley, market-gardening on a considerable scale is carried on and provides employment for numbers of men and women.

A certain amount of manufacturing activity has gone on for a number of years in Middlesex, more especially in the northern districts in the County and in Willesden; but more recently, and particularly since the War, there has been a very notable increase in factory development. Along the lines of some of the new and very excellent arterial roads modern factories have been, and still are being, erected. The commencement of the Great West Road, for instance, is proving to be a very popular locality for the establishment of factories, and these, constructed in accordance with modern architectural design, are for the most part of by no means unpleasing appearance. Along the line of the Great Western Railway a number of factories likewise have grown up; and on the site of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley many of the excellently constructed permanent buildings, erected for purposes in connection with the Exhibition, have now been adapted to industrial uses. Industrial development on any considerable scale in Middlesex being of such recent origin, it is found that, for the most part, the trades carried on in the County are representative of the newer branches of industry. Among these may be mentioned the manufacture of aeroplanes, electrical instruments, photographic materials, gramophones and records, silk and artificial silk stockings, the assembling and repairing of motor cars and the production of cinematograph films.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH-RATES.—The corrected number of births belonging to the County and occurring during 1930 was 24,840 (12,700 males and 12,140 females). This number is equivalent to a birth-rate of 15·9 per 1,000 of the population. The number of illegitimate births registered was 965 (495 males and 470 females), representing an illegitimate birth-rate of 0·62 per 1,000 of the population. The ratio of legitimate to illegitimate births is 24·7 to one.

The following table gives the birth statistics for the last five years for Middlesex, London, the Great Towns, and England and Wales :—

Year.	The County.		London.	Great Towns.	England and Wales.
	Births.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.
1926	21,703	16·3	17·1	18·2	17·8
1927	21,123	15·6	16·1	17·1	16·7
1928	22,665	16·0	16·2	16·9	16·7
1929	23,331	16·0	15·7	16·6	16·3
1930	24,840	15·9	15·7	16·6	16·3

Comparisons of the rates with those of the immediately preceding years are somewhat fallacious in view of the discrepancy, already referred to, in the estimations of population in the last few years. It is certain that the true population of the County for several years past has been appreciably greater than that calculated by the Registrar-General. In consequence, the true birth-rates for the years 1928 and 1929 (to take only two years) doubtless were lower than those indicated in the above table. The figure for 1930, therefore, which is a substantially correct one, probably indicates an approximately stationary or possibly even slightly rising birth-rate.

Particulars of the number of births and birth-rates in each sanitary district of the County are set out in the table which follows, the districts being arranged in descending order of magnitude of the birth-rate :—

BIRTHS AND BIRTH-RATES IN EACH DISTRICT, 1930.

DISTRICT.	Net number.	Rate per 1,000 living.	DISTRICT.	Net number.	Rate per 1,000 living.
Hayes and Harlington ..	527	*26·0 (22·6)	Brentford and Chiswick..	984	16·1 (16·2)
Kingsbury	277	21·2 (21·4)	Southall-Norwood ..	596	15·9 (14·1)
Yiewsley and West Drayton	239	*20·5 (†25·4)	Tottenham	2,510	15·9 (16·5)
Feltham	277	*20·3 (17·6)	Harrow	408	15·8 (16·7)
Wealdstone	495	20·3 (19·8)	Twickenham (Borough) ..	596	15·6 (15·4)
Sunbury	223	*19·1 (16·4)	Enfield	1,035	15·5 (16·1)
South Mimms (Rural) ..	96	18·8 (14·5)	Hendon (Urban) ..	1,520	15·4 (18·1)
Uxbridge	554	18·4 (†17·3)	Hampton	188	14·9 (14·1)
Edmonton	1,403	18·3 (17·3)	Ruislip-Northwood ..	223	14·8 (16·0)
Heston and Isleworth ..	1,206	17·1 (17·1)	Ealing (Borough) ..	1,632	14·6 (14·7)
Staines (Rural)	132	*17·0 (17·9)	Teddington	325	14·2 (15·0)
Willesden	3,011	16·7 (16·5)	Friern Barnet	314	14·0 (14·3)
Wembley	700	16·4 (17·1)	Wood Green	719	13·3 (13·5)
Acton (Borough).. ..	1,105	16·2 (15·7)	Finchley	748	13·1 (12·8)
Staines (Urban)	277	*16·2 (15·3)	Hornsey (Borough) ..	1,209	13·1 (13·8)
Hendon (Rural)	674	16·2 (17·1)	Southgate	607	11·5 (11·2)
			Hampton Wick	30	10·1 (11·7)

Figures in brackets indicate birth-rates in 1929.

* These rates are calculated from the population figures supplied by the Registrar-General and adjusted as result of the change in boundary consequent on the abolition of Staines Rural District in April, 1930.

† These rates are based on the Registrar-General's adjusted population figures, which take account of the Rural District of Uxbridge being transferred partly to Uxbridge Urban District and partly to the Urban District of Yiewsley and West Drayton in April, 1929.

STILL-BIRTHS.—The number of still-births registered in 1930 was 894, equivalent to a rate of 36·1 per 1,000 total births or 0·57 still-births per 1,000 population, as compared with a rate of 0·69 for the whole country.

DEATHS AND DEATH-RATES (ALL CAUSES).—The corrected number of deaths belonging to the County, occurring during 1930 was 14,658, or 2,047 fewer than occurred in the course of the previous year. This corresponds to a death-rate of 9·4 per 1,000 persons living and constitutes a low record for the County.

The figures for the last five years relating to Middlesex, London, the Great Towns and England and Wales as a whole are as follows :—

Year.	The County.		London.	Great Towns.	England and Wales.
	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Rate per 1,000 living.
1926	12,941	9·8	11·6	11·6	11·6
1927	14,325	10·6	11·9	12·2	12·3
1928	14,050	9·9	12·1	11·6	11·7
1929	16,705	11·5	13·8	13·7	13·4
1930	14,658	9·4	11·4	11·5	11·4

The various causes to which the 14,658 deaths were ascribed are enumerated and classified in the table which appears on page 6. As in preceding years heart disease, cancer, tuberculosis (all forms), pneumonia (all forms), cerebral haemorrhage and arterio-sclerosis (which two conditions should be considered together) and bronchitis constitute the principal causes of death. After the experience of 1929, when in the early part of the year influenza and respiratory diseases were responsible for heavy mortality throughout the country, 1930 has proved a comparatively benign year in respect of respiratory diseases.

The death-rates (per 1,000 persons living) of the principal causes of death for the past five years are as follows :—

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Heart disease	1·52	1·73	1·73	2·32	1·91
Cancer	1·37	1·40	1·33	1·33	1·28
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0·86	0·88	0·76	0·83	0·75
Pneumonia (all forms)	0·67	0·78	0·65	0·88	0·58
Cerebral haemorrhage, &c.	0·56	0·50	0·44	0·47	0·49
Arterio-sclerosis	0·39	0·49	0·56	0·47	0·37
Bronchitis	0·53	0·68	0·45	0·64	0·31

Although tuberculosis ranks third in the list of causes of death, the death-rate from all forms of the disease in Middlesex has fallen to 0·75, which is the lowest recorded figure. Cancer, which during the past decade has been increasing both as a cause of death and (probably) in actual incidence, gives no indication in 1930 of further increase.

The table on page 7 gives information as to the number of deaths and the death-rates in each sanitary district of the County.

Detailed information as to the different diseases which contributed towards the total number of deaths and the age groups in which these deaths occurred is given in the following table :—

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, 1930.

Causes of Death.	All Ages.	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1. Enteric fever	9	—	—	—	1	2	4	2	—	—
2. Smallpox	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
3. Measles	135	26	52	37	16	2	—	2	—	—
4. Scarlet fever	32	—	3	9	13	3	4	—	—	—
5. Whooping-cough	44	18	12	13	1	—	—	—	—	—
6. Diphtheria	151	6	9	41	89	3	—	3	—	—
7. Influenza	137	4	1	—	4	8	19	47	26	28
8. Encephalitis lethargica	28	—	—	1	3	3	10	7	3	1
9. Meningococcal meningitis	24	6	2	2	4	4	4	2	—	—
10. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	981	5	2	7	13	243	436	235	31	9
11. Other tuberculous diseases	183	17	20	31	28	30	27	24	5	1
12. Cancer, malignant disease	1,990	—	—	1	4	14	149	832	592	398
13. Rheumatic fever	65	—	—	1	26	13	19	5	—	1
14. Diabetes	163	—	1	1	—	1	12	48	60	40
15. Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	757	—	—	—	—	1	23	202	242	289
16. Heart disease	2,984	—	—	1	26	45	163	757	870	1,122
17. Arterio-sclerosis	570	—	—	—	—	—	4	109	193	264
18. Bronchitis	482	38	2	7	6	2	15	77	100	235
19. Pneumonia (all forms)	902	141	62	32	20	27	108	237	132	143
20. Other respiratory diseases	165	6	1	6	5	7	21	41	31	47
21. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	199	—	—	—	—	1	41	105	36	16
22. Diarrhœa, &c.	177	115	16	5	3	5	11	6	7	9
23. Appendicitis and typhlitis	114	—	—	5	10	18	31	29	15	6
24. Cirrhosis of liver	60	—	—	—	1	—	4	38	17	—
25. Acute and chronic nephritis	416	2	—	—	5	18	52	140	121	78
26. Puerperal sepsis	55	—	—	—	—	5	50	—	—	—
27. Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	48	—	—	—	—	6	41	1	—	—
28. Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	588	568	4	4	5	3	4	—	—	—
29. Suicide	187	—	—	—	—	12	68	84	20	3
30. Other deaths from violence	624	26	9	25	52	103	106	116	83	104
31. Other defined diseases	2,381	212	32	41	76	85	256	568	444	667
32. Causes ill-defined or unknown	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
All Causes	14,658	1,190	228	270	411	664	1,682	3,721	3,031	3,461

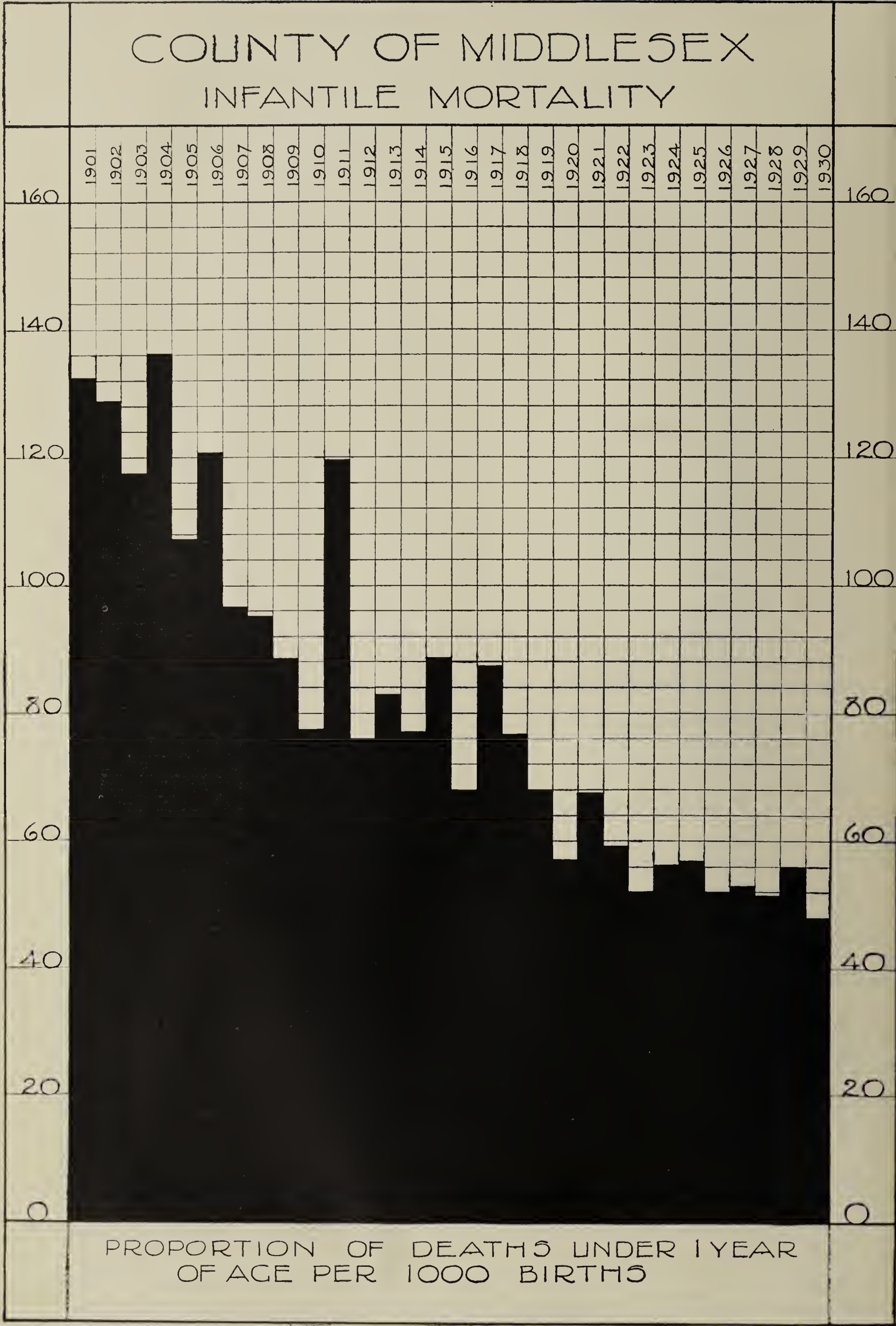
DEATHS AND DEATH-RATES IN EACH DISTRICT, 1930.

District.	Under 1 year of age.		At all ages.	
	No.	Rate per 1,000 births.	No.	Rate per 1,000 living.
<i>Urban—</i>				
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	56	51	693	10·2
Brentford and Chiswick	48	49	668	10·9
Ealing (<i>Borough</i>)	71	44	1,139	10·2
Edmonton	75	53	718	9·4
Enfield	54	52	639	9·6
Feltham	12	43	96	7·2*
Finchley	38	51	557	9·8
Friern Barnet	15	48	172	7·7
Hampton	5	27	121	9·6
Hampton Wick	2	67	28	9·4
Harrow	8	20	197	7·6
Hayes and Harlington	34	65	151	7·5*
Hendon	77	51	846	8·6
Heston and Isleworth	60	50	647	9·3
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	50	41	1,050	11·3
Kingsbury	10	36	77	5·9
Ruislip-Northwood	13	58	123	8·5
Southall-Norwood	23	39	275	7·3
Southgate	22	36	498	9·4
Staines	11	40	162	9·5*
Sunbury	7	31	94	8·1*
Teddington	14	43	264	11·5
Tottenham	137	55	1,567	10·0
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	24	40	356	9·3
Uxbridge	20	36	228	8·0
Wealdstone	16	32	181	7·4
Wembley	28	40	315	7·4
Willesden	173	57	1,730	9·6
Wood Green	26	36	534	9·9
Yiewsley and West Drayton	18	75	101	8·8*
<i>Rural—</i>				
Hendon	25	37	286	6·9
South Mimms	6	62	52	10·2
Staines	12	91	93	12·0*
The County	1,190	48	14,658	9·4

* These rates are calculated from the population figures supplied by the Registrar-General and adjusted as result of the change in boundary consequent on the abolition of Staines Rural District in April, 1930.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—The number of deaths of infants under one year of age occurring during 1930 was 1,190, equivalent to an infantile mortality rate of 48 per 1,000 births. This figure constitutes a new low record for the County and in addition is very definitely below the rate for the country at large. Comparative figures for Middlesex, London, the Great Towns and England and Wales are set out in the following table :—

Year.	The County.			London.	Great Towns.	England and Wales.
	Births.	Deaths under 1 year.	Rate per 1,000 births.	Rate per 1,000 births.	Rate per 1,000 births.	Rate per 1,000 births.
1926	21,703	1,122	52	64	73	70
1927	21,123	1,125	53	59	71	69
1928	22,665	1,168	51·5	67	70	65
1929	23,331	1,312	56	70	79	74
1930	24,840	1,190	48	59	64	60



Of the infantile deaths which occurred, 568, or nearly one-half, are attributable to congenital or developmental conditions, and, in the light of our present knowledge, these can only be classified as not preventable. Of avoidable causes of death, pneumonia was responsible for 141 deaths of infants (11·8 per cent.) and diarrhoea for 115 (9·7 per cent.).

Information as to the number of deaths of infants and the infantile mortality rate in each sanitary district in the County is given in the table on page 7 ; whilst on page 8 appears a diagram illustrating the variations which have occurred in the infantile mortality rate in Middlesex since the beginning of the present century.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.—A notable and disquieting increase in the number of deaths of women from conditions due to, or associated with child-birth is revealed by the figures for the year 1930. During the year, 103 women lost their lives from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and parturition (or 27 more than in the preceding year). This corresponds to a maternal mortality rate of 4·15 per 1,000 live-births, which is the highest figure ever recorded for this County. The maternal mortality rate for England and Wales for 1930 was 4·40. The increase of the rate over that recorded for previous years is chiefly due to the relatively large number of deaths which occurred from puerperal sepsis. The following table shows a classification of maternal deaths during the past five years :—

Year.	Puerperal sepsis.		Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition.		Total.	
	Number of deaths.	Rate per 1,000 births.	Number of deaths.	Rate per 1,000 births.	Maternal deaths.	Maternal mortality rate.
1926	30	1·38	34	1·57	64	2·95
1927	24	1·14	40	1·89	64	3·03
1928	42	1·85	44	1·94	86	3·79
1929	27	1·16	49	2·10	76	3·26
1930	55	2·21	48	1·93	103	4·15

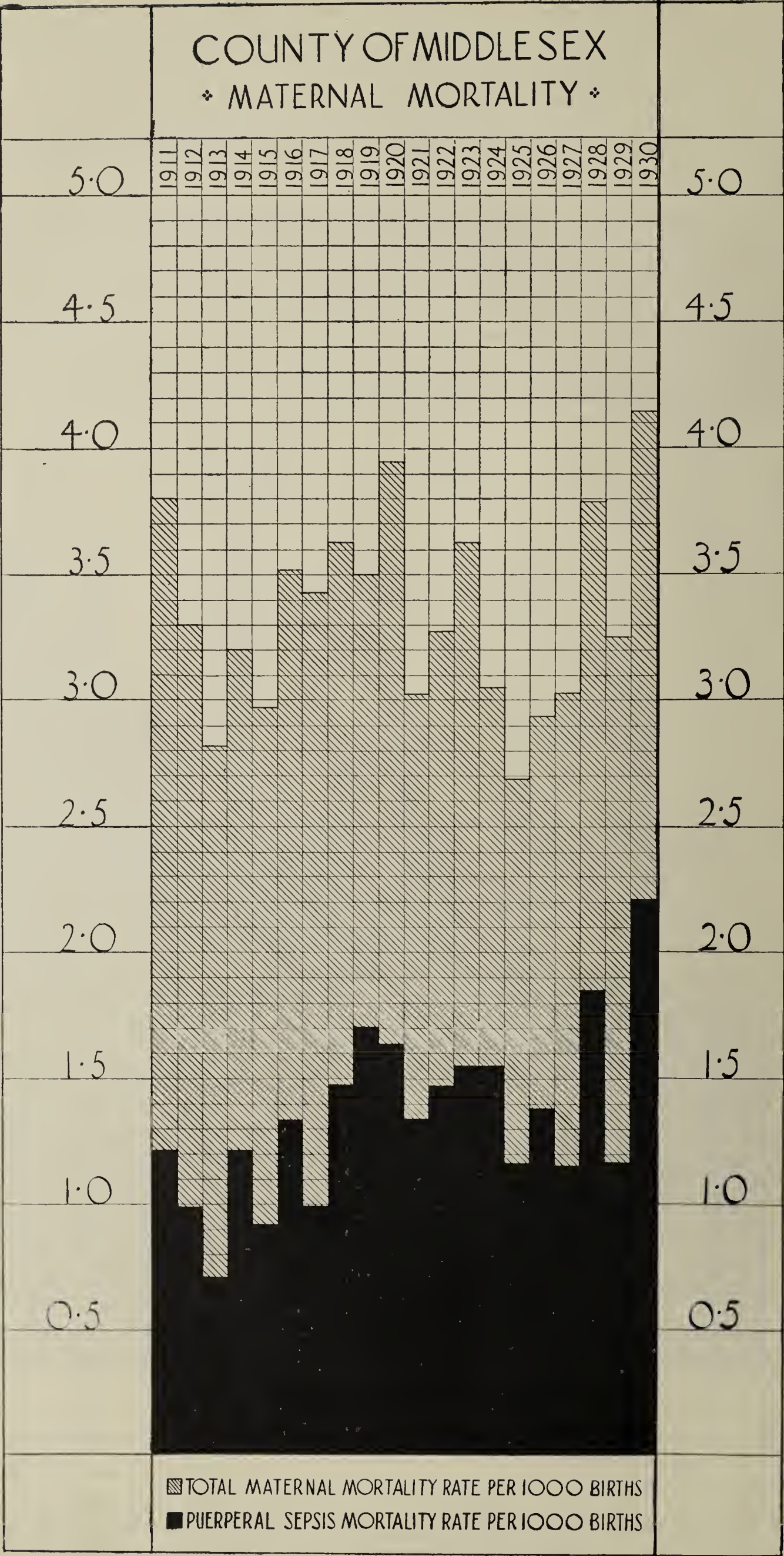
On page 10 appears a diagram illustrating the variations in maternal mortality since the year 1911. A consideration of this chart affords no cause for satisfaction, as it indicates no decline in the total maternal mortality rate during the past twenty years, but rather the reverse, and, moreover, shows an increasing death-rate from puerperal sepsis over that period.

The Departmental Committee on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity, which was set up by the Minister of Health, produced an interim report in August, 1930. This report contained an analysis of the investigation of two thousand maternal deaths which had occurred in England and Wales. The considered opinion at which this expert committee arrived was that approximately one-half of these deaths might have been avoided. The avoidable causes of death were classified by the committee into four groups :—(a) absence of ante-natal care (17 per cent.) ; (b) errors of judgment in practice or treatment by doctors or midwives (17 per cent.) ; (c) lack of reasonable facilities for effective medical care (5 per cent.) ; (d) negligence on the part of the patient or her friends to carry out medical advice (9 per cent.).

Among the suggestions made by the Committee, in addition to advising better training of medical students and of midwives in the practice of obstetrics, was a proposal to establish a National Maternity Service, to include :—

- (1) The provision *in every case* of the services of a qualified midwife to act either as midwife or as maternity nurse.
- (2) The provision of a doctor to carry out ante-natal and post-natal examination *in every case* and to attend during pregnancy, labour or the puerperium, as necessary, all abnormal cases.
- (3) The provision of a consultant when desired by a doctor in difficult cases.
- (4) The provision of an adequate number of hospital beds.
- (5) The provision of certain additional services (ambulances, sterilized maternity outfits and laboratory facilities.)

Such a scheme in its entirety would involve very considerable public expenditure, and up to the present legislation based on the suggestions has not been undertaken. Existing powers, however, wisely applied enable local authorities to go far towards carrying out the proposals of the Committee.



Sanitary Circumstances.

In my survey report for 1925 certain information was included in summary form relating to important sanitary services or provisions carried out in the various districts making up the administrative county. The particulars referred to dealt with water-supply, drainage and sewerage, refuse disposal and housing. In the present quinquennial review it was considered opportune again to survey the position in the County with regard to sanitary services as it existed at the close of 1930 and, accordingly, I have been in communication with the medical officers of health of all the local sanitary authorities of the County and these have kindly furnished me with detailed particulars relating to their several districts, upon which the following survey is based.

WATER SUPPLY.

The County of Middlesex is fortunate in being provided with an abundant supply of pure water. In great part this is river water suitably treated by storage or otherwise, and is derived largely from the rivers by which the County is bounded, the Thames, the Lea and the Colne, supplemented by deep borings. With the exception of a very few isolated cottages, situated in the still rural parts of the county, which depend for their water upon shallow wells, the entire area of the County is served by public water supplies.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

District.	Public Water Supply.	Houses supplied, per cent. of whole.
<i>Urban—</i>		
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	Metropolitan Water Board	100
Brentford and Chiswick	” ” ” ”	99·9
Ealing (<i>Borough</i>)	{ Metropolitan Water Board Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co. }	100
Edmonton	Metropolitan Water Board	Practically 100.
(a) Enfield	” ” ” ”	All except about 20 houses.
Feltham	South West Suburban Water Company	98
Finchley	Barnet District Gas & Water Company	100
Friern Barnet	” ” ” ”	100
Hampton	Metropolitan Water Board	100
(b) Hampton Wick	” ” ” ”	100
(c) Harrow	Colne Valley Water Company	100
(d) Hayes and Harlington	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co.	99
(e) Hendon	Metropolitan Water Board	All except 3 houses.
(f) Heston and Isleworth	” ” ” ”	99·95
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	” ” ” ”	100
Kingsbury	Colne Valley Water Company	100
(g) Ruislip-Northwood	” ” ” ”	All except 5 cottages.
(h) Southall-Norwood	South West Suburban Water Company	99·93
(i) Southgate	Metropolitan Water Board	100
(j) Staines	South West Suburban Water Company	97
(k) Sunbury	Metropolitan Water Board	75 approx.
(l) Teddington	” ” ” ”	99·4
Tottenham	” ” ” ”	100
(m) Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	” ” ” ”	98·5
(n) Uxbridge	Uxbridge District Council Waterworks	99
Wealdstone	Colne Valley Water Company	100
(o) Wembley	” ” ” ”	All except 4 houses.
Willesden	Metropolitan Water Board	100
Wood Green	” ” ” ”	100
(p) Yiewsley & West Drayton	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Company	80 approx.
<i>Rural.</i>		
(q) Hendon	Colne Valley Water Company	100
South Mimms	Barnet Gas & Water Company	99

(a) *Enfield*.—Barnet Gas and Water Company supply a few houses in Hadley Wood.
(b) *Hampton Wick*.—There are two houses dependent on supply from wells. These wells are shallow.
(c) *Harrow*.—Wood End Estate, South Harrow, supplied by the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company.
(d) *Hayes and Harlington*.—South West Suburban Water Company supply Cranford, and Allied Building Corporation supply their own houses from artesian well at Hayes End. Some houses at Hayes Gate and Dawley supplied from shallow wells.

(e) *Hendon (Urban)*.—North, North-Western and Western portion of district supplied by Colne Valley Water Company.

(f) *Heston and Isleworth*.—Small part of the district at Cranford End supplied by South West Suburban Water Company. A small portion of the district is without a public water supply, a few isolated houses being supplied from shallow wells.

(g) *Ruislip-Northwood*.—Five cottages supplied by shallow wells.

(h) *Southall-Norwood*.—A number of houses at North Hyde and on the Adelaide Estate supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board.

(i) *Southgate*.—Six cottages at extreme boundary of N.W. Ward supplied by Barnet Water Company.

(j) *Staines*.—Public water supply not available for small part of the district. Stanwell Moor supplied by shallow wells, principally tubular borings about fifteen feet deep.

(k) *Sunbury*.—Shepperton and Littleton supplied by West Surrey Water Company, and Ashford Common by South Western Suburban Water Company. Several groups of cottages in the district (mainly in the newly extended area) are dependent on supply from shallow wells.

(l) *Teddington*.—Public water supply not available on Trowlock Island. There are three shallow wells in the district.

(m) *Twickenham*.—Several houses in portion of borough adjoining Feltham are dependent on shallow wells. These are being eliminated gradually.

(n) *Uxbridge*.—Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company supplies the parishes of Harefield, Ickenham, Cowley and Hillingdon East.

(o) *Wembley*.—Four houses at Kenton supplied by main owned by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company and obtained from their private water works at Bushey.

(p) *Yiewsley and West Drayton*.—Parts of the parish of Harmondsworth supplied by shallow wells.

(q) *Hendon (Rural)*.—Sixteen houses at Hatch End, Pinner, supplied from main owned by London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The maintenance of the two principal rivers of Middlesex, the Thames and the Lea, is undertaken by the Thames Conservancy Board and the Lea Conservancy Board, on each of which bodies the Middlesex County Council is represented. Powers have been conferred upon the County Council by the Middlesex County Council Act of 1898 and subsequent Acts to undertake the supervision, cleansing and maintenance of the other various rivers and streams of the County. The work is carried out by the County Engineer and his staff, to whom I am indebted for the following information regarding the activities of the Rivers Committee.

During the past five years the Rivers Committee has authorised the taking over by the County Council for maintenance purposes of an additional 60 miles of water courses, making a total length of rivers and streams of some 190 miles under the supervision of the County Council.

Flood Water.—In the winter months of 1927–28 an exceptionally heavy rainfall was experienced which caused serious flooding, both in certain of the districts bordering the River Thames, and in other areas within the County owing to the overflowing of the Rivers Brent and Crane.

The statutory powers the County Council obtained in 1898 and subsequent Acts were the result of numerous complaints received as to the polluted and obstructed condition of the rivers and streams, and the works carried out under these Acts have been chiefly of maintenance and prevention of pollution. With the development of the County these streams and rivers really function as main surface water sewers, and at present there is no authority wholly responsible for their efficiency for this purpose.

Future provision for the main surface water drainage of the County is becoming an engineering problem and one which should be dealt with by a central authority.

As a result of the serious damage caused by inundation in 1927–28, the Rivers Committee of the County Council convened conferences with representatives of the local authorities affected and other interested persons to discuss the position.

These conferences expressed themselves in no uncertain terms as to the necessity for a central authority invested with powers to deal with the flooding question; the Rivers Committee, in April, 1928, endorsed the opinion expressed at the conferences, and the County Council authorized the expenditure of £4,000 in connection with the preparation of a detailed report upon the watersheds of the Brent and Crane catchment areas.

The work is being undertaken by the County Engineer and is of necessity a lengthy proceeding, calling as it does for a detailed survey of the two rivers and their tributaries, which total in all some 70 miles, and the making of numerous observations as to levels and flow of water during dry and wet seasons and after normal and abnormal rainfalls.

Pollution.—During the past five years some 83,000 new houses have been erected in the County, and, as can readily be understood, the resulting greatly increased volume of domestic sewage has thrown a very heavy strain upon the sewage disposal works belonging to the several local sanitary authorities. More particularly is this the case in some of the more peripheral parts of the County where growth of population and of houses has been phenomenally rapid and where the sewage disposal works were originally constructed to deal with a small population living under rural or semi-rural conditions. The following table gives information regarding samples taken by officers of the County Council of effluents from sewage works of local authorities during the year 1930 :—

Sewage Works.						Good.	Moderate.	Bad.	Total.
Ealing (Greenford)	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	—	2
Ealing (Hanwell)	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	1
Ealing	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	1
Edmonton	..	..	..	..	..	8	—	1	9
Enfield	..	..	..	..	..	6	—	—	6
Finchley	..	..	..	..	..	6	—	—	6
Friern Barnet	..	..	..	..	..	—	1	—	1
Harrow (Roxeth)..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	—	3
Hayes	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	7
Hendon R. (Pinner)	..	..	..	..	..	3	—	—	3
„ (Edgware)	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	1
„ (Great Stanmore)	..	..	..	..	..	3	—	—	3
Hendon Urban	..	..	..	..	..	8	—	—	8
Hornsey	..	..	..	..	..	5	—	—	5
Kingsbury	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	—	2
Southall	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	1
Uxbridge Rural	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	1
Wembley	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	—	3
						(Unsatisfactory on account of smell)			
Wealdstone	..	..	..	..	..	4	—	—	4
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	58	7	2	67

In addition to pollution of rivers and streams caused by unsatisfactory effluents from sewage disposal works, considerable difficulty and nuisance has been occasioned by certain trade effluents gaining access to watercourses. Particularly has this been the case with the River Crane into which are discharged waste products from certain jam factories. Such effluents, containing large amounts of saccharine substances, give rise to a most offensive form of pollution in streams and present great technical difficulties in the way of treatment to render them innocuous. Moreover, waste substances of this nature, if discharged into sewers, are liable to affect the purification of sewage at the outfall works, and accordingly local authorities often decline to accept effluents containing sugars and like substances in solution.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The table on pages 15 and 16 gives information as to the drainage and sewerage of each of the separate sanitary districts of the County. As already has been pointed out the sewage disposal works of local sanitary authorities for some years have been labouring under very considerable difficulties owing to the extraordinarily rapid development of the County. This has been the case particularly in the west of the County, where the growth has been the most rapid, and where, in the southern part, in the Thames Valley, the problem has been further complicated by difficulties of levels. In 1928 the County Council approved the employment of a consulting engineer to make a survey of West Middlesex and prepare a report upon a comprehensive plan of sewage disposal for the western area of the County. Mr. John D. Watson, M.Inst.C.E., of Birmingham, was appointed to undertake this work and in 1929 he presented his report to the County Council. Upon the reception of this report conferences between the County Council and the local authorities of the western area were convened and as a result of the resolutions passed at these conferences the County Council decided to promote a Bill in Parliament to constitute the Middlesex County Council a main sewerage authority for the west of the County. The Bill was drafted and introduced in the House of Lords; (it eventually passed through all its stages and received the Royal Assent in June, 1931).

I am indebted to the County Solicitor for the following memorandum upon the Middlesex County Council Bill :—

“The object of the Bill is to confer upon the Middlesex County Council the powers of a main sewerage authority in so far as the western area of the County is concerned.

The County Council are possessed of full powers under their Acts of 1898, 1906, 1921 and 1930 in regard to the protection and pollution of rivers within their administrative area and have experienced much difficulty in conserving the purity of the streams and in the execution of adequate works of improvement thereto to cope with flood waters.

The majority of the local authorities' sewerage systems are constructed on the separate and not the combined basis, and, with a view to minimising the volume of sewage to be treated at the purification works, the domestic sewage only is conveyed there and the storm water finds its way into the nearest stream. It is, therefore, obvious that in a County like Middlesex, where the population during the last ten years has increased in certain localities by over one hundred and fifty per cent., where the

building operations have been phenomenal, and impervious areas due to natural development increased, the susceptibility to flooding and pollution of streams has been intensified and will present even greater difficulties in the future.

Many local authorities have also experienced difficulty in their endeavour to keep pace with the rapid growth and development of their respective areas by the provision of extended works, and although in the last few years nearly half a million pounds has been expended by them in this respect further works are and will be required as and when the population increases.

The County of Middlesex is naturally divided by the watershed boundary passing through Finchley and Chipping Barnet, the eastern area draining into the Lea Valley and the western part into the Thames.

The County Council early in 1928 resolved to instruct Mr. John D. Watson, of Messrs. Dodd & Watson, of Birmingham, to make a comprehensive report on the sewerage and sewage disposal in that part of the County which drains into the River Thames. This report gives a detailed survey of the present conditions in the western area and it is pointed out that there are in existence no less than twenty-seven works, none of which employs the bio-aeration principle. Ten of these works discharge their effluent into the Brent, five into the Crane, three into the Colne, two into the Ash and seven into the Thames. The Colne and the Ash join the Thames above Teddington Lock.

In short, Mr. Watson suggested that a drainage board should be constituted for the western part of the County, to become the executive authority for the whole district, and that such board should reduce to a minimum, if not abandon *in toto*, the local sewage works and concentrate intercepting sewers to the most suitable site available on the Thames for purification purposes, the sewage sludge to be eliminated from the liquid and efficiently disposed of.

It was eventually decided to eliminate Willesden and Acton from the purview of the scheme as both these authorities have agreements for the reception into the sewers of the London County Council of the whole of the sewage of the former and the greater portion of the latter district.

Hampton Wick Urban District Council entered into an agreement with the Kingston Corporation in 1921 for a period of twenty-one years for the reception and disposal of the sewage of its district. This agreement has eleven years unexpired.

Several conferences have been held between the County Council and the local authorities of the area, at which the following resolutions were, *inter alia*, passed :—

- (1) “ That this conference generally approves the scheme for Main Drainage for West Middlesex as set out in the report of Mr. J. D. Watson.”
- (2) “ That the conference is of opinion that the scheme should be carried out by the County Council.”
- (3) “ That the representatives of the local authorities present at this conference agree to recommend their respective authorities to adopt resolutions in favour of the above proposals.”

In accordance with the last resolution intimations were received that fourteen local authorities were in agreement with the above, three were against and five were neutral.

Mr. Watson in his report draws attention to the fact that, owing to the physical configuration of the western part of the County, it is necessary to approach the problem of drainage by dividing the area under consideration into two zones, northern and southern.

(1) The Northern Zone, comprising the valleys of :—

Upper Brent, including the Urban Districts of Hendon, Wealdstone, Kingsbury, Wembley, part of Harrow, part of the Borough of Ealing and part of the Rural District of Hendon.

Upper Crane, including portions of the Urban Districts of Harrow, Ruislip-Northwood, portions of the Rural Districts of Hendon and Uxbridge and probably the Urban Districts of Hayes and Southall-Norwood.

Upper Colne, including portions of the Urban District of Ruislip-Northwood and the Rural District of Uxbridge.

Lower Brent, including the districts of Brentford, part of Ealing and possibly Southall-Norwood.

(2) The Southern Zone, comprising the valleys of :—

Lower Crane, including the districts of Heston and Isleworth, Twickenham, Teddington, Hampton and Hampton Wick.

Lower Colne and Ash, including the Urban Districts of Uxbridge, Staines, Feltham, Sunbury, Yiewsley and West Drayton and possibly part of Hayes and Harlington.

The scheme would entail the construction of trunk sewers to converge to a single purification works for the entire western area which it is proposed to construct at Mogden. This disposal works would operate on the activated sludge principle. The trunk sewers in the northern zone would convey the sewage by gravitation and those in the southern zone would for the most part be in tunnel and the sewage would require to be lifted by pumping at the purification works. It is intended to pick up the sewage at the site of the existing works and to convey same for treatment to Mogden. Each local authority would continue to be responsible for the sewerage of its own area as heretofore, but, instead of laying its sewers to its own works, would connect up to the interceptors herein referred to.

PARTICULARS SUPPLIED BY LOCAL MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH AS TO DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE IN EACH OF THE SANITARY DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY.

District.	Houses provided with water closets (per cent.).	Houses draining into sewers (per cent.).	Main sewerage system.	Where disposal works are situated.	Are works adequate for present, and future, needs of district ?	Disposal of excreta otherwise than at sewage works.	Cesspools.	
							Emptied free of charge on behalf of or by District Council.	How often emptied.
Urban—								
Acton (Borough)	100	100	Yes	... Worple Way, Acton—emptying into London sewers	Yes	Two houses drain into cesspools	No	—
Brentford and Chiswick ...	99·9	99·9	Yes	... (1) Corney Road, Chiswick— for Chiswick area; (2) Ealing Road, Brentford— for Brentford area	Yes. Chiswick works undergoing extensive alteration and reconstruction	—	—	—*
Ealing (Borough)	99·8	99·4	Yes	... (1) South Ealing; (2) Perivale; (3) Hanwell; (4) Greenford; (5) Northolt	Adequate for present, but not for future, in the Greenford and Northolt Wards	Small number of cesspools in Greenford and Northolt Wards	No	—
Edmonton	Practically 100	Practically 100	Yes	... Eastern Boundary — Lea Valley	Adequate at present, but doubtful if district becomes fully developed	—	No	No specified period, but as often as required.
Enfield	All except about 20 houses	99·5	Yes	... Cuckoo Hall Sewage Farm, Lower Edmonton	Yes	On land and into sewers by lifting manhole covers	No	Once a month.
Feltham	98	About 5	Yes, but not yet completed	... Little Park Farm, Hanworth	Yes	By cesspools. 2 per cent. of houses have pail closets	No	On demand.
Finchley	99·9	99·9	Yes	... Summers Lane, N.12 ...	Not at present; extensions in progress, which will render them adequate for considerable time	Where there are pail closets, excreta is dug into ground	No	No information available.
Friern Barnet	100	100	Yes	... Eastern boundary of South Ward in Wood Green U.D.	No. Considerable new percolating filters, detritus and humus tanks are about to be constructed	—	—	—
Hampton	99·33	99·33	Yes	... Hanworth Road, Hampton	Yes. Extensions can be made as required	On the land, and buried ...	Three only emptied free of charge	Weekly, and when necessary.
Hampton Wick	100	99·5	Yes	... Kingston-on-Thames	Yes	By cesspools	No	Occasionally.
Harrow	100	100	Yes	... Newton Farm, South Harrow	Yes. Not adequate for future needs...	—	—	—
Hayes and Harlington—								
Hayes	99 (approx.)	95	}	† { Hayes, East of Coldharbour Lane; Cranford, South of Bath Road	Insufficient at present	Pail closets, special site; Cesspools, to sewage works	Yes	As and when required.
Harlington	50 (approx.)	Nil						
Cranford	60 (approx.)	66						
Hendon	All except 17 houses	All except 76 houses	Yes	... In North Circular Road and Hendon Way; Golders Green, South-West portion of district	Yes	—	Yes	When necessary.
Heston and Isleworth ...	99 (approx.)	99 (approx.)	Yes	... Oak Lane, Worton Road, Isleworth	For present, but not for future, needs	In a few instances earth and chemical closets are in use. Contents disposed of on land adjoining	No	As circumstances require.
Hornsey (Borough)	100	100	Yes	... 10,000 population, Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill; 80,000 population, L.C.C. sewers	Yes	—	No	—
Kingsbury	99·9	99·9	Yes	... On Southern boundary of district	Under consideration	—	No	—
Ruislip-Northwood	95	95	Yes	... Ruislip Common	For present, but further filter beds are contemplated owing to rapid growth of the population	{ By cesspool drainage and earth pail closets	{ Cesspools, No E.P. Closets, Yes	Where necessary by owners. Twice weekly. Small number of earth closets emptied twice weekly.
Southall-Norwood	99·76	99·697	Yes	... Wyke Green, Isleworth	Yes, on completion of extensions now being carried out			
Southgate	100	All except 13 houses	Yes	... Edmonton U.D.C. sewage works	Yes	Into cesspools	No	As and when required.
Staines	90	35 (approx.)	Yes	... West Bedfont	For present, but not for future, needs...	Deposited on agricultural land	No	As required.
Sunbury	60 (approx.)	30	Yes	... Charlton	For present, but not for future, needs...	By burial or by spreading on agricultural lands	‡	‡
Teddington... ..	99·5	99·5	Yes	... Broom Road, Teddington	Yes	—	—	—
Tottenham	All except 2 houses	All except 2 houses	Yes	... Sewage pumped into L.C.C. main sewers. Pumping Station, Markfield Road, South Tottenham	—	—	No	As required.
Twickenham (Borough) ...	99	98·5	Yes	... Within the Borough.	For present, additions will be necessary in future	—	Yes	Not yet decided.
Uxbridge	98 (approx.)	96 (approx.)	Yes	... (1) Ickenham; (2) Uxbridge; (3) Cowley; (4) Two small works at Harefield	(1), (2) and (3) Yes. All capable of extension. (4) Irrigation sites only, will shortly be abolished	By contractors who are required to dispose of it without nuisance	Yes	Monthly.
Wealdstone	99·9	99·8	Yes	... About middle of district, partly in Wealdstone, partly in Harrow Weald	No. Position under consideration ...	In four isolated cases excreta used for manurial purposes	No	—
Wembley	99·9	99·9	Yes	... Perivale Lane, Alperton, Wembley	Extensions at present in course of construction	Buried in gardens	No	From time to time when necessary.
Willesden	100	100	Yes	... Now carried to and discharged into L.C.C. sewers	Yes	—	—	—
Wood Green	All except factories	All except 2 factories	Yes	... Sewage discharged into Tottenham main sewers, and thence into L.C.C. sewers	Yes	—	—	—
Yiewsley and West Drayton	90 (approx.) Harmondsworth Parish, 5 per cent. (approx.)	90 (approx.) Harmondsworth Parish, 5 per cent. (approx.)	Yes	... Moorfield Road, Cowley	For present needs, Barely; for future needs, No	Cesspools and earth buckets	Yes (except parish of Harmondsworth)	When required, approximately once a month.
Rural—								
Hendon	All with very few exceptions	All with very few exceptions	Yes	... (1) Canons Lane, Pinner; (2) and (3) Honey Pot Lane, Stanmore, and Kenton. Harrow Weald sewage dealt with at Wealdstone Sewage Disposal Works	Work in progress on construction of new tanks and filters at Pinner, and scheme is proposed for extension of Edgware and Little Stanmore works	Buried in gardens	Yes; on application by the tenants	When request is made.
South Mimms	99	95	Yes	... Small works at South Mimms. Large works at Potters Bar	Yes. Recently enlarged	By cesspool	No	As required.

* *Brentford and Chiswick.*—Cesspool in connection with Portland Cement Distributing Depot, Great West Road, Brentford, emptied by Council free of charge on average once in three weeks.

† *Hayes and Harlington.*—*Hayes.*—Sewered practically throughout where developed.
Harlington.—Nil.
Cranford.—Partly sewered.

‡ *Sunbury.*—In parts of the district, viz., Sunbury, Sunbury Common, Charlton and Upper Hallford, cesspools are cleansed free of charge.—Emptied twice yearly. In the extended area, Ashford Common, Littleton and Shepperton, a charge is made for the services.—Emptied on application.

The site of the purification works at Mogden is situated about one mile to the south-west of Syon Park and is bounded by four roads. The area adjacent on the north, west and south sides is undeveloped; part of the land on the east side of the Twickenham Road has recently been built upon. The adjoining area on the south side is occupied by the Mogden Isolation Hospital. The south-west portion of the site is occupied by the Heston and Isleworth Sewage Disposal Works, for which about twenty-five acres are at present required.

The northern side is skirted by a margin of small industrial workshops, dwellings and a Congregational church. It is proposed to acquire approximately one hundred and thirty acres of land here in order to secure satisfactory isolation and approximately one-half of this is already owned by the local authority, and a portion of about twenty-five acres on the south-west has been purchased by the County Council by private treaty.

Mr. Watson in the first instance recommended the purchase of Syon Park, but having regard to the strenuous press campaign which was made against the proposal (as a matter of fact before the County Council had any recommendation from the Rivers Committee with respect to its acquisition) an alternative site was sought, which resulted in the Mogden estate being agreed. There is no doubt that from an engineering and economic point of view Syon Park was more adapted for this purpose and Mr. Watson recommended the Mogden site as the best possible alternative, having regard to levels and its proximity to the Thames.

In his report Mr. Watson states that he is clearly of the opinion that this site can be used for sewage purification without creating a nuisance of any kind. The main feature of the proposed work will be the construction of detritus and sedimentation tanks, bio-aeration, flocculation and finally separating tanks, and Mr. Watson is of the opinion that, although it is practicable to place all tanks underground, there is no necessity so to do and that the adoption of this course would be extravagant and unnecessary.

The Heston and Isleworth Urban District Council expressed anxiety on this matter and the Council have agreed to consider favourably the execution of any additional works which in the opinion of the Ministry of Health may be necessary for the purpose of allaying any public nuisance.

The question arose as to whether the sludge should be disposed of by means of conveyance out to sea in self-contained barges or whether it should be pumped to a comparatively isolated site for fermentation and digestion, and having regard, *inter alia*, to the comparative cost it was ultimately decided to pump it to a site at Longford to be disposed of there.

This site is approximately two hundred acres in area and is situate six and a half miles from the purification works. Any soakage there may be from these lands will automatically pass back into the intercepting sewer for treatment at the Mogden works.

The capacity of the intercepting sewers will be sufficient for some very considerable time to receive and cope with as much as twenty times the dry weather flow and it is regarded as of much importance that this available space should be utilised to obviate flooding wherever possible. In this connection it should also be appreciated that, if the purity of the streams is to be conserved, it is essential that more storm water should be treated before being discharged to the water courses.

The effluent, after treatment at the Mogden works, will be discharged into the tidal waters of the Thames at Isleworth Ait. Many authorities have expressed concern on the question of the volume and character of the effluent which will be turned into the Thames and a clause has been inserted in the Bill providing that the standard of the effluent will be such as will comply with recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Sewage and Sewage Disposal in its Eighth Report.

The Unemployment Grants Committee have agreed to make a grant towards the cost of this Scheme, estimated at £5,250,000. The maximum sum upon which this grant will be based is £4,540,000, and it can be accepted on one of three bases, *i.e.* :—

- (1) A grant of 60 per cent. of loan charges for the first 15 years and 30 per cent. for the second 15 years;
- (2) A grant of 75 per cent. of loan charges for the first 15 years; and
- (3) An equated grant of 50 per cent. of loan charges over 30 years."

The tables on pages 18 and 19 are taken from Mr. Watson's report. That on page 18 gives information regarding the disposal of effluent from existing sewage purification works, whilst in that on page 19 are set out certain details regarding the operation of such works.

TABLE PREPARED BY J. D. WATSON, ESQ., M.INST.C.E., SHOWING EXISTING SEWAGE PURIFICATION WORKS AND DISPOSAL OF EFFLUENTS IN THE WESTERN AREA OF MIDDLESEX.

Authority.	No. of Sewage Disposal Works.	District Served.	Resident Popula- tion Served.	Area of Land Reserved (acres).	Watershed.	Final Effluent Discharged into	Above or Below Teddington Weir.	Remarks.
Brentford and Chiswick U.D.	2	Brentford Chiswick	17,500 40,800	3 13	Thames (Chiswick) Thames (Chiswick)	Thames Thames	Below Below	Daily immigrant population 4,000 additional. Works in course of construction.
Ealing M.B. ...	4	S. Ealing N. Ealing Hanwell	60,000 15,000 22,000	5 12 19	Thames (Chiswick) Brent Brent	Thames Brent Brent	Below Below Below	
Feltham U.D.	1	Greenford	3,000	10	Brent	Brent	Below	
Hampton U.D.	1	Feltham	7,500	15	Crane	Crane	Below	
Hayes U.D. ...	1	Hampton	13,000	17	Ash...	Thames	Above	Daily immigrant population 10,000 additional. A population of 8,500 of Harrow is served by the Wealdstone Sewage Disposal Works.
Harrow U.D.	1	Hayes	13,500	8	Crane	Crane	Below	
	1	Harrow	14,000	61	Crane	Yeading Brook	Below	
Hendon U.D.	1	Hendon	89,000	161	Brent	Brent	Below	
		Pinner	18,000	49	Crane	Yeading Brook	Below	A population of 2,500 of Harrow Weald is served by the Wealdstone Sewage Disposal Works.
Hendon R.D.	3	Great Stanmore Little Stanmore Edgware	2,600 8,000	14 29	Brent Brent	Edgware Brook Kenton Brook	Below Below	
Heston and Isleworth U.D. ...	1	Heston and Isleworth	60,000	38	Crane	Thames	Below	
Kingsbury U.D.	1	Kingsbury	6,000	10	Brent	Brent	Below	
Ruislip-Norwood U.D.	1	Ruislip-Norwood	10,000	18	Colne	Pinn ...	Above	Daily immigrant population 4,000 additional.
Southall-Norwood U.D.	1	Southall-Norwood	35,000	42	Brent	Brent	Below	
Staines U.D. ...	1	Staines	8,000	35	Colne	Ash...	Above	
Staines R.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sunbury U.D.	1	Sunbury	6,500	61	Ash ...	Soakaway to Subsoil	Above	No system of sewerage or sewage disposal within the area.
Teddington U.D.	1	Teddington	24,000	17	Thames (Hampton)	Thames	Below	
Twickenham M.B.	1	Twickenham	38,000	26	Crane	Thames	Below	
Uxbridge U.D.	1	Uxbridge	14,500	22	Colne	Soakaway to Subsoil	Above	
		Yiewsley	14,500	11	Colne	Pinn ...	Above	In addition to two main works, a population of 1,500 is served by temporary works at Northolt.
Uxbridge R.D.	2	Cowley W. Hillingdon	5,000	35	Crane	Yeading Brook	Below	
		Harefield						
		Ickenham						
Wealdstone U.D.	1	E. Hillingdon Wealdstone	36,000	31	Brent	Wealdstone Brook	Below	These works serve a population of 8,500 of Harrow and 2,500 of Harrow Weald.
		Harrow						
Wembley U.D.	1	Harrow Weald	28,300	49	Brent	Brent	Below	
Yiewsley U.D.	—	Wembley	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	27	—	609,700	811				Yiewsley U.D. is served by the Cowley Works of the Uxbridge Rural and Yiewsley Urban Joint Drainage Committee.

TABLE PREPARED BY J. D. WATSON, ESQ., M. INST. C. E., SHOWING DETAILS OF SEWAGE PURIFICATION WORKS IN THE WESTERN AREA OF MIDDLESEX.

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HOUSE REFUSE.

As will be seen by reference to the table below, the collection of domestic refuse throughout the County is made at satisfactorily frequent intervals. Except in one or two outlying rural parishes, refuse is collected from houses at least once weekly. Frequent collection of putrescible matter is very necessary, particularly in hot weather, if nuisance from smell, flies, rats and other pests is to be avoided.

With regard to refuse disposal, in my last survey report, that for the year 1925, this subject was dealt with in considerable detail. Since that year, there is evidence that the methods employed by local authorities in the County for disposing of domestic refuse produced in their own districts have somewhat improved. Thus in several districts disposal of refuse by indiscriminate tipping has ceased and “ controlled tipping ” or incineration has been adopted.

HOUSE REFUSE.

	How frequently removed from each House.	Collected by Council or Contractor.	Method of Disposal.		
			By Destructor.	By Tipping.	Other Methods.
<i>Urban.</i>					
Acton (<i>Borough</i>) ..	Weekly ..	Council ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Brentford & Chiswick	„ (a)	„ ..	„	—	—
Ealing (<i>Borough</i>) ..	„ ..	„ ..	„	—	—
Edmonton	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes.. ..	—
Enfield	„ ..	„ ..	—	„	—
Feltham	Weekly and fortnightly(b)	Council and Contractors(b)	—	„	—
Finchley	Weekly ..	Contractor..	Yes	—	—
Friern Barnet ..	Weekly(c) ..	Council ..	—	Yes (controlled)	—
Hampton	„ ..	„ ..	Yes	—	—
Hampton Wick ..	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes.. ..	—
Harrow	„ (d)	„ ..	—(d)	Yes (controlled)	—
Hayes & Harlington	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes (controlled)	—
Hendon	„ ..	„ (e) ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Heston & Isleworth	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes.. ..	—
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	„ (f) ..	„ ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Kingsbury	„ ..	Contractor..	—	—	Removed out of district.
Ruislip-Northwood..	„ ..	Council ..	—	Yes(g) ..	—
Southall-Norwood ..	„ ..	„ ..	—	„ (h) ..	—
Southgate	„ ..	„ ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Staines	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes.. ..	—
Sunbury	„ (i) ..	Council and Contractor(i)	Yes.. ..	—	—
Teddington	Daily ..	Council ..	—	Yes.. ..	Burned.
Tottenham	Weekly ..	„ ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	„ (j) ..	„ ..	„	—	—
Uxbridge	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes.. ..	—
Wealdstone	„ ..	„ ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Wembley	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes(k) ..	—
Willesden	„ ..	„ ..	—	„ (l) ..	—
Wood Green	„ ..	„ ..	Yes.. ..	—	—
Yiewsley & West Drayton	„ ..	„ ..	—	Yes (controlled)	—
	Harmonds-worth— fortnightly	Harmonds-worth— Contractor			
<i>Rural.</i>					
Hendon	Weekly ..	Contractor..	—	Yes.. ..	—
South Mimms ..	Fortnightly or by arrangement	—(m)	—	Yes.. ..	—

- (a) *Brentford and Chiswick*.—Twice weekly in the case of certain mansion flats.
- (b) *Feltham*.—Feltham ward—removed weekly by Council. Bedfont and Hanworth wards—removed fortnightly by contractors.
- (c) *Friern Barnet*.—Trade refuse from shops removed twice weekly.
- (d) *Harrow*.—Weekly, except in special cases. The Council propose, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, to build a destructor and dispose of the refuse by direct incineration.
- (e) *Hendon (Urban)*.—With exception of Mill Hill area (approximately 3,000 houses). The latter is done by contract.
- (f) *Hornsey*.—Bi-weekly from flats.
- (g) *Ruislip-Northwood*.—Council intend to commence controlled tipping at their destructor site at Eastcote.
- (h) *Southall-Norwood*.—Scheme before Ministry of Health for a separation and incinerator plant, sufficient for needs of district until 1945.
- (i) *Sunbury*.—Refuse removed at Littleton once every two weeks. Collection in districts of Charlton, Sunbury, Sunbury Common and Upper Halliford carried out by district council; in districts of Ashford Common, Littleton and Shepperton collection carried out by contractors.
- (j) *Twickenham*.—Except in cases of block flats, when refuse is collected daily.
- (k) *Wembley*.—Refuse is removed from district by barge to West Drayton, where it is disposed of by tipping and covering with earth.
- (l) *Willesden*.—Tipping and barging.
- (m) *South Mimms (Rural)*.—Voluntary scheme carried on by the Ratepayers' Association, pending a proper scheme being put into operation by the Council, which scheme is now being prepared.

In certain of the western districts of the County, which are served by the Grand Junction Canal, a traffic in refuse has existed for a great number of years, trade and household rubbish from London boroughs and some of the populous districts of Middlesex being imported by barges and deposited in huge dumps. To such an extent has this practice been carried on that in course of years the tips have grown to such a size as completely to change the configuration of the landscape in some places. In the present state of legislation there exists no effective legal method of putting a stop to this practice, but nuisance can be reduced to a minimum, or made non-existent, by the adoption of bye-laws (as has been done by the Urban District of Yiewsley and West Drayton), and by appointing, if necessary, additional sanitary inspectors to ensure that the bye-laws are strictly enforced.

HOUSING.

In the table on page 24 is set out information regarding the number of new houses which have been erected in each of the sanitary districts of the County in each of the five years forming the quinquennium under review. The table is illuminating in that it reveals a further aspect of the extraordinary growth and development of Middlesex during the past five years. During this period no fewer than 84,329 new houses have been erected within the County. After making due allowance for a limited number of old houses which may have been demolished and assuming that each of the new houses is occupied by four persons (probably a conservative estimate) it will be seen that the efforts of the builder in this County have provided in five years for the accommodation of over 300,000 persons. This may be expressed in another way by stating that in five years the County of Middlesex, without enlarging its borders, has added to itself the equivalent of a town of the order of Bradford or Newcastle-on-Tyne. The County Council has assisted in this development by advancing during the five years ended in March, 1931, the sum of £3,158,430 as loans in connection with the erection of 4,229 houses under powers afforded by the Housing Acts and Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The table on pages 22 and 23 gives particulars regarding the activities of each sanitary authority in the County with regard to the inspection of dwelling-houses and action necessary for the remedying of defects found.

	Acton (Borough).	Brentford and Chiswick.	Ealing (Borough).	Edmonton.	Enfield.	Feltham.	Finchley.	Friern Barnet.	Hampton.	Hampton Wick.	Harrow.	Hayes and Harlington.	Hendon (Urban).	Heston and Isleworth.	Hornsey (Borough).
1. Unfit Dwelling Houses :—															
Inspection :—															
(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	5,450	7,224	8,756	6,935	11,119	1,111	5,901	1,914	2,328	480	2,286	2,509	5,704	3,619	7,212
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	3,306	4,981	3,043	710	1,023	395	2,135	351	674	295	694	220	536	454	1,677
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil	2	43	29	Nil	41	8	14	7	2	16	32	14	56	27
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	4,277	5,909	5,556	5,398	5,748	610	4,448	849	533	145	1,642	721	2,881	1,874	4,795
2. Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices :—															
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	2,904	4,743	5,250	3,989	4,174	320	3,776	798	420	142	1,474	683	2,541	1,650	4,669
3. Action under Statutory Powers :—															
A.—Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—															
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1,023	1,001	4	771	Nil	Nil	41	182	30	1	12	48	29	105	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—															
(a) By owners	1,022	1,002	Nil	717	Nil	Nil	17	109	27	1	8	31	28	43	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	1	Nil	Nil	42	Nil	Nil	6	11	3	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	32	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	Nil	2	4	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	10	12	Nil	Nil	1
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—															
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1,377	389	501	285	699	194	92	361	1	4	225	757	261	132	435
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—															
(a) By owners	1,377	389	507	211	617	187	70	165	1	4	193	53	245	96	315
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil	Nil	3	21	1	Nil	13	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	1	9	Nil
C.—Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—															
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of of Closing Orders....	Nil	4	48	12	Nil	9	4	17	2	Nil	14	29	14	55	1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil	4	48	12	Nil	9	4	13	2	Nil	13	28	16	54	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	3	1	4	Nil	Nil	2	9	Nil	2	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil	Nil	48	9	Nil	1	Nil	7	Nil	Nil	4	4	8	49	7
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil	Nil	24	4	Nil	1	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	4	2	10	8	4

sive).

Southall-Norwood.	Southgate.	Staines (Urban).	Sunbury.	Teddington.	Tottenham.	Twickenham (Borough).	Uxbridge (Urban).	Wealdstone.	Wembley.	Willesden.	Wood Green.	Yiewsley.	Hendon (Rural).	South Mimms (Rural).	Staines (Rural).†	Uxbridge (Rural).*	Totals for Administrative County.
3,767	2,796	241	1,600	3,496	19,519	3,019	822	3,926	3,626	18,077	6,021	1,047	2,354	96	1,550	410	146,137
1,249	1,631	62	312	1,112	6,137	396	404	879	562	6,417	2,211	340	1,323	Nil	305	167	44,156
66	Nil	58	3	8	12	61	39	1	6	6	8	21	61	Nil	293	18	963
2,273	1,907	124	952	2,399	11,775	383	182	2,741	1,318	449	873	325	809	Nil	226	85	72,351
2,013	1,802	126	829	2,011	10,041	2,471	99	2,663	1,995	12,577	2,980	270	698	47	839	28	79,166
199	Nil	10	54	100	1,294	107	117	57	60	413	182	27	32	1	26	30	6,019
150	Nil	10	43	54	1,140	100	94	54	43	361	98	25	25	1	1	24	5,273
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	135	Nil	Nil	2	7	30	52	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	Nil	329
Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	2	Nil	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	15	Nil	75
567	140	124	78	77	356	433	596	67	144	530	437	12	56	27	543	33	10,194
482	131	37	66	74	345	443	587	52	132	430	416	11	54	27	290	32	8,300
11	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	19	2	Nil	6	18	37	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	163
25	1	3	1	8	12	56	34	Nil	5	6	8	14	59	Nil	36	12	502
25	1	3	1	8	12	49	40	Nil	5	6	7	11	50	Nil	30	15	477
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	11	3	10	Nil	1	2	4	8	11	Nil	5	4	87
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	37	28	10	Nil	Nil	14	1	4	20	Nil	11	4	280
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	14	8	22	Nil	Nil	7	1	Nil	11	Nil	6	Nil	138

* Abolished 1st April, 1929.

† Abolished 1st April, 1930.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED.

	Total (including numbers given separately under (b)).					(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—												
	(a)					(b)												
	Total (including numbers given separately under (b)).					(b)												
(i) By the Local Authority.												(ii) By other persons or bodies.						
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	Total.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	Total.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	Total.
Urban—																		
Acton (Borough) ...	431	309	196	501	514	1,951	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12	12	181	Nil	52	124	Nil	357
Brentford and Chiswick ...	305	448	355	249	159	1,516	Nil	145	37	108	41	331	217	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	217
Ealing (Borough)...	819	904	1,027	1,345	1,479	5,574	100	414	128	204	Nil	846	293	381	186	673	1,479	3,012
Edmonton ...	419	684	676	587	610	2,976	98	234	186	164	138	820	21	31	24	351	Nil	427
Enfield ...	542	345	258	646	424	2,215	276	184	166	322	Nil	948	44	30	34	1	424	533
Feltham ...	26	26	89	188	188	517	Nil	Nil	58	152	152	362	2	Nil	2	36	36	74
Finchley ...	436	383	415	381	476	2,091	Nil	Nil	54	Nil	Nil	54	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Friern Barnet ...	266	222	138	130	135	891	78	80	28	10	Nil	196	Nil	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	20
Hampton ...	116	247	157	211	Nil	731	49	60	8	91	Nil	208	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
Hampton Wick ...	20	2	4	9	4	39	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Harrow ...	159	274	225	343	210	1,211	Nil	Nil	149	101	Nil	250	Nil	Nil	169	559	Nil	1,103
Hayes and Harlington ...	210	423	330	1,056	577	2,596	Nil	212	60	140	Nil	412	176	199	2,092	140	1,330	6,081
Hendon ...	1,205	3,287	3,715	1,615	1,380	11,202	Nil	Nil	22	226	50	298	767	103	Nil	Nil	Nil	870
Heston and Isleworth ...	1,068	1,071	1,313	1,551	1,734	6,737	Nil	16	Nil	181	126	323	274	174	Nil	73	Nil	521
Hornsey (Borough)	463	284	103	73	94	1,017	189	110	Nil	Nil	Nil	299	50	103	116	Nil	Nil	269
Kingsbury ...	178	455	588	768	1,419	3,408	Nil	34	25	Nil	12	110	20	46	7	3	Nil	76
Ruislip-Northwood ...	211	220	168	226	428	1,253	48	20	Nil	30	165	409	158	196	Nil	Nil	Nil	354
Southall-Norwood ...	231	419	345	362	430	1,787	28	54	104	58	42	388	23	62	Nil	Nil	Nil	85
Southgate ...	613	631	622	617	641	3,124	67	78	87	114	52	104	28	28	Nil	Nil	294	350
Staines ...	60	48	36	63	346	553	32	20	Nil	32	44	171	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sunbury ...	102	69	44	68	136	419	50	38	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
Teddington ...	124	109	106	82	160	581	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	422	132	290	Nil	Nil	Nil	422
Tottenham ...	486	946	647	419	434	2,932	64	248	110	Nil	Nil	365	8	11	1	4	Nil	24
Twickenham (Borough)	171	192	234	344	490	1,431	30	54	64	24	193	163	27	17	Nil	Nil	Nil	44
Uxbridge ...	52	80	89	362	725	1,308	Nil	63	58	42	Nil	429	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wealdstone ...	919	586	343	1,679	883	4,410	131	129	Nil	169	Nil	226	13	95	25	29	Nil	162
Wembley ...	758	1,081	1,012	1,003	1,350	5,204	50	100	76	Nil	Nil	716	122	310	400	340	Nil	1,172
Willesden ...	713	984	1,100	1,360	936	5,093	129	263	27	297	Nil	190	15	20	Nil	18	Nil	53
Wood Green ...	186	305	208	201	137	1,037	36	124	30	Nil	Nil	371	Nil	2	Nil	12	Nil	14
Yiewsley and West Dray-																		
ton ...	54	75	Nil	258	300	687	52	73	Nil	246	Nil	203	Nil	702	1,042	1,502	Nil	3,246
Rural—																		
Hendon ...	947	848	1,042	1,542	2,215	6,594	12	146	Nil	40	5	206	30	42	27	74	Nil	173
South Mimms ...	63	90	45	94	246	538	Nil	48	18	20	120	204	94	124	126	240	—	584
†Staines ...	123	228	360	506	—	1,217	Nil	52	96	56	—	334	150	482	Nil	—	—	632
*Uxbridge ...	306	882	301	—	—	1,489	Nil	246	88	—	—	334	150	482	Nil	—	—	632
Totals for Administrative County ...	12,782	17,157	16,291	18,839	19,260	84,329	1,519	3,245	1,686	2,827	1,152	10,429	2,849	5,540	4,730	4,199	3,563	20,881

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Legislation dealing with the control of food supplies, which is administered by the County Council, relates to (a) certain powers and duties connected with the production of milk and (b) adulteration of food.

MILK PRODUCTION.

(1) *The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915*.—The powers and duties entrusted to County Councils by this Act largely relate to the detection and suppression of tuberculous milk.

The operation of the Act was postponed until 1925, but since that year the County Council has adopted a policy of taking a limited number of samples, six per week, from retail milk establishments throughout the County, and causing them to be examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli. The examination is carried out at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine by the method of animal inoculation. This method, although suffering from the drawbacks of being slow and somewhat expensive, is by far the most certain and trustworthy method of detecting the presence of tubercle bacilli. The object of the sampling is twofold; firstly, in order that information may be available as to the extent to which the milk supplied to consumers in the Administrative County is infected with living and virulent tubercle bacilli, and secondly, so that such action as may be possible may be taken to detect and deal with the infection at its source.

In the course of the year, 292 samples of milk from retail dealers and, in a few instances, from Middlesex producers, were examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli. In 20 instances the investigation could not be completed, owing to the premature death from some intercurrent infection of the guinea-pigs inoculated or for some other accidental cause. In the 272 cases in which the investigation was carried to a conclusion, tuberculosis was set up in the inoculated guinea-pigs in 22 instances, clearly demonstrating the presence of living and virulent tubercle bacilli in 8.1 per cent. of the samples of milk examined.

With regard to action taken in an endeavour to determine the origin of the infection, it was found possible to trace the infection back to the diseased animals in 12 cases, and, in all, 19 cows on the farms concerned were found to be suffering from tuberculosis within the terms of the Tuberculosis Order and were slaughtered. Three of the samples successfully traced had been derived from Middlesex farms (5 cows) and 8 from farms situated in other counties (12 cows), whilst in one instance the sample had been taken from a mixed supply from a Middlesex and a Surrey farm, on each of which an infected cow was found. In addition to the 12 cases above referred to, in one further instance the infected cow was detected independently in the course of his routine duties by Mr. Villar, the County Council's Veterinary Inspector under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, and likewise was slaughtered. In the remaining 9 instances the source of infection remained undiscovered; in 6 of these the milk had been produced outside the County.

In Willesden the Urban District Council for some years past have carried out systematic sampling of milk retailed in that district and have caused it to be examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli. In order to avoid duplication of effort, therefore, the County Council's inspectors do not take samples of milk for this purpose in Willesden. I am informed by the Medical Officer of Health of Willesden that in the course of the year 49 samples of milk from Willesden retailers were examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli. Three samples of milk, all produced outside Middlesex, were found to contain tubercle bacilli and in two instances infected cows were traced and dealt with under the Tuberculosis Order.

(2) *The Milk and Dairies Order, 1926*.—This Order, made under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act by the Minister of Health with the concurrence of the Minister of Agriculture, gave power to county councils to undertake the routine veterinary inspection of dairy cattle. The County Council decided to take advantage of this power and appointed, as whole-time veterinary inspector under the order, Mr. Sidney Villar, F.R.C.V.S., who commenced duty on January 1st, 1929. Mr. Villar has now completed two years of this work, and the results he has attained have been eminently satisfactory.

In each of the two years during which the scheme has been in operation the standard aimed at has been the quarterly inspection of all dairy herds in the County, and practically every farm has, in fact, been visited four times in the course of each year. In addition to these quarterly routine visits a large number of special visits to farms has been necessitated in order to follow up unsatisfactory conditions noted at previous routine inspections. Mr. Villar's report for 1930 is as follows:—

The number of registered cowkeepers' premises periodically visited is 233 and the number of cows kept thereon is approximately 4,896. Allowing for the annual replacement of 25 per cent. of dairy cattle caused by the sale of fat cows, wastage, &c., about 6,000 animals have been examined during the year.

In the course of these examinations 55 cows and one bull affected with tuberculosis have been discovered.

In 17 of these cows, living tubercle bacilli were found in samples of their milk taken at the time of their inspection, and in addition, nine other cows were reported as having tuberculosis of the udder on post-mortem examination.

With reference to the 17 cows reported to be yielding tubercle bacilli in their milk, these were, for the most part, cases where manipulation of the udder alone raised suspicion of the existence of tuberculosis and such suspicion was confirmed by a microscopic examination of a sample of milk taken from the abnormal quarter of the udder.

In other cases where clinical evidence of the existence of tuberculosis in the respiratory organs or of general tuberculosis was found no sample of milk was taken for examination even if the udder appeared to be involved.

Microscopical examination of samples of milk is perhaps of greatest use in assisting the differentiation between the slight hypertrophy and induration of a quarter caused by the presence of tubercle at an early stage of the disease and similar conditions of a quarter arising from increased functional activity compared with its companion, but less actively secreting quarter of the udder.

Information regarding the nine cases of tuberculosis of the udder mentioned above is obtained from the reports of the local part-time veterinary inspectors who made the post-mortem examinations. The same local veterinary inspectors made post-mortem examinations of the 17 cows in whose milk tubercle bacilli had been found to exist. In 13 of these cows tuberculosis of the udder was reported. In the remaining four cows no mention of the state of the udder was made.

The quantity yielded daily by some of the cows showing tubercle bacilli in their milk is considerable. In one case the cow was stated to be yielding 22 quarts of milk a day, in another case the cow was yielding 18 quarts a day and this was being retailed, amongst other purchasers, to a well-known boarding school. In several cases the cows were said to be yielding 14 quarts a day, whilst in the case of one cow giving 12 quarts daily, the milk was sold on the premises, for the most part to customers of the working class, who fetched their supply in jugs, the premises being in a densely populated district.

It is alarming that cows will yield such large quantities of tubercle infected milk for many weeks or even months without showing marked evidence of general illness or alteration in the appearance of their udders.

Very few dairy cows are reared in Middlesex and the farmer relies for the most part on cows purchased outside the County. It is of interest that in four consecutive cases the diseased cows had been brought into the County within a fortnight of my finding them diseased; in two of these cases the udders were affected with tuberculosis yet the farmers had bought them as healthy animals.

Notices to discontinue the sale of milk or dairy products of diseased animals have been served on the owners of 22 cows suffering from abscess in their udders and 40 cows with acute mastitis, "cow pox" and other septic conditions.

Two hundred and seventy-two cows were found to be affected with localized mastitis or udder disease of a less serious nature; in each case notices were served, the owners written to or personally warned not to sell the affected milk.

On two farms mastitis of a contagious character was found; adequate steps were taken and the disease quickly got under control.

Two cows were found to be suffering from actinomycosis; in neither case was the udder involved.

Seven animals were noted as being affected with Johne's disease; in each case slaughter of the animal was suggested to the owner.

The occurrence of a case of undulant fever in man led to the inspection of the dairy herd supplying the household with milk. So far as the investigation was carried out, the cows on these premises did not appear to be the source of infection.

During the year a considerable improvement in the quality of the cows kept by many farmers is noticeable—old animals have been replaced by younger and many owners have ceased breeding from cows with defective udders.

Owing to the plentiful supply of hay and other feeding stuffs, the bodily condition of the cows generally is better than a year ago, but it is to be regretted that in the matter of cleanliness of the cows, cowsheds and attendants very little or no improvement is generally to be found.

From consideration of Mr. Villar's report it will be seen that 56 bovine animals were discovered by him to be exhibiting signs or symptoms indicating the presence of tuberculosis in one of its forms.

Information regarding Mr. Villar's findings was communicated to the County Council's inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and the following is a summary of the action taken:—

- 3 were deemed not to be suffering from tuberculosis;
- 2 were considered to be tuberculous but not to such a degree as to bring them within the terms of the Tuberculosis Order of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- 51 were found to be suffering from tuberculosis as defined by the Order and were slaughtered under the instructions of the County Council.

One result of Mr. Villar's work during 1930 has been, therefore, the removal of 51 tuberculous animals from Middlesex dairy herds. The corresponding number of tuberculous cows slaughtered as a result of his activities during 1929 was 68. In addition, the discovery by him of 343 cases of acute or chronic inflammation of the udder and other diseased conditions in 1930 (and 404 cases of similar conditions in 1929), and the steps taken by him to restrict the supply of milk yielded by such animals, must have had a very appreciable beneficial effect upon the milk supply of the County.

(3) *The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923.*—Five licences for the production of "Certified" milk have been granted by the Ministry of Health to Middlesex milk producers during 1930. The farms which are licensed are situated in the Urban Districts of Enfield, Finchley, Ruislip-Northwood and Wembley, and the Rural District of Hendon. No producer in the County held a licence during the year to sell "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" milk.

Three milk producers were licensed by the County Council for the production of Grade A milk, the farms being situated in the Urban District of Hendon, the Rural District of Hendon and the Urban District of Finchley. The producer in the last-named district, who had been the holder of a licence to produce Grade A milk for a number of years, decided in May, 1930 to remove his Grade A herd to another farm in Hertfordshire, already licensed by the Council of that County for the production of Grade A milk.

(4) *The Tuberculosis Order, 1925.*—This Order of the Minister of Agriculture is administered by the Diseases of Animals Sub-Committee of the County Council. To carry out the Order the County Council employs a number of part-time veterinary surgeons who, on receipt of information that the presence of tuberculosis affecting a bovine animal is suspected on a farm, visit the premises, examine

the animal and, if it is found so to be suffering within the meaning of the Tuberculosis Order, arrange for its slaughter. Information regarding the presence of tuberculosis or suspected tuberculosis reaches these officers in one of three ways :—

- (1) As a result of the routine examination of the herds in the County by Mr. Villar, the Council's whole-time veterinary surgeon, employed under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 ; this accounts for the bulk of the information received.
- (2) From a report from an owner of a cow that he suspects an animal in his possession to be tuberculous.
- (3) As a result of bacteriological examination of samples of milk taken from producers or re-tailers under the procedure already described on page 25.

From information with which I have been supplied by the Clerk of the County Council it appears that, during 1930, visits were made by the Council's part-time veterinary officers to 89 premises on which the presence of bovine tuberculosis had been reported or suspected and 811 animals were examined thereon. Of this number 87 were found to be suffering from tuberculosis as defined by the Order, and 86 of them were slaughtered. In the case of the diseased animal which was not slaughtered, the owner lodged an objection under Article 5 (1) of the Order which was upheld by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The compensation paid by the County Council to the owners of slaughtered cows during the year amounted to £817.

(5) *Education in Clean Milk Production.*—The Middlesex Education Committee have continued their policy of instructing farmers in the County in the methods to be employed in the production of clean milk. Mr. E. Rea, the County Council's Agricultural Organiser, has devoted much time to this end and in the course of numerous visits to farms, has given advice and practical assistance to milk producers.

A Clean Milk Competition was held in 1930.

ADULTERATION.

The various acts and regulations dealing with sophistication of food are administered by the Public Control Department of the County Council and for the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. A. Robinson, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Officer of the Public Control Department.

In the following table are set out particulars of samples under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, submitted to the County Analyst by officers of the Public Control Department during 1930 :—

	Number of Samples Examined.	Number of Samples Adulterated or not up to Standard.
Almonds, Ground	1	—
Apples	4	—
Arrowroot	4	—
Aspirin Tablets	3	—
*BLOATER Paste	1	—
Brandy	3	—
*Butter	71	1
*Cherry Brandy	1	—
Chocolate	3	—
Cocoa	2	—
Coffee	3	—
*Cream	10	1
Custard Powder	2	—
*Dripping	2	—
*Fruit Cordial	2	—
Gin	54	15
*Ginger	2	—
*Ginger Wine	2	—
*Horse-radish Cream	1	—
Icing Sugar	8	—
*Jam	3	—
*Lemon Squash	5	—

* See next page.

	Number of Samples Examined.	Number of Samples Adulterated or not up to Standard.
*Margarine	2	—
*Marmalade	1	—
*Meat	28	8
*Meat Paste	1	—
*Minced Beef	6	2
*Milk	1,082	57
*Milk, Separated	1	—
*Milk, Sterilized	19	—
*Milk, Condensed Skimmed	4	2
Mustard	2	—
Olive Oil	1	—
*Orange Wine	3	—
*Pastry	2	—
*Peas (Tinned)	5	2
Pepper	5	—
*Preservative	2	—
*Prunes	1	—
Rennet Tablets	1	—
*Rice Flour	2	1
Rum	34	3
*Salad Cream	2	—
*Sauce	1	—
*Sausage Colouring	1	—
*Sausage Seasoning	1	—
*Sausages	33	15
Spice	1	—
Sugar	1	—
Whisky	8	6
Totals	1,437	113

* See below.

In addition to the above, nearly 4,000 samples were examined during the year by officers of the Public Control Department.

Public Health (Dried Milk) Regulations, 1923 and 1927.—No action was taken under these Regulations during the year.

Public Health (Condensed Milk) Regulations, 1923 and 1927.—Samples of a certain brand of machine-skimmed condensed milk were found upon analysis to be slightly deficient in milk solids. As the condensed milk in question was imported from Holland, the facts were communicated to the Ministry of Health for appropriate action.

Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, 1925 and 1927.—In the foregoing table, articles marked * were also examined for the presence of preservatives. All the samples of meat, minced beef, rice-flour, sausages and cream shown as adulterated contained preservative.

Copper sulphate was found in a certain brand of tinned peas imported from Italy, and the facts were communicated to the Ministry of Health for appropriate action.

Local Government Act, 1929.

On 1st April, 1930, as the result of the passing of the Local Government Act, Boards of Guardians ceased to exist and their powers were transferred to County and County Borough Councils. As mentioned in my report last year, in accordance with Section 5 of the Act the County Council had prepared a scheme of administrative arrangements proposed to be made for the discharge of the functions transferred to them under Part I of the Act. One of the most noteworthy features of this scheme was the provision that the Public Assistance Committee, which the Act required the County Council to set up, should be the same committee as the Public Health Committee. Various functions which hitherto had been carried out by the Public Health, Housing and General Purposes Committee were allocated to a newly formed General Purposes Committee and to other committees of the County Council, leaving the new committee to devote itself to the work of public health and public assistance. The policy thus adopted brought into the closest possible relationship the care of the sick, which the Council was required to undertake under its newly acquired public assistance powers, with the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis, venereal diseases, &c., and other work of a preventive or curative character carried out under various Public Health Acts. It has also rendered it possible, when the County Council deems the time is opportune, to carry out with the least possible disturbance of working arrangements, the Council's expressed intention of, so far as practicable, dealing with the institutional treatment of sick persons under the Public Health Acts instead of the Poor Law.

After prolonged discussion the County Council decided that it would not exercise the powers of co-option granted to it under the Local Government Act, especially having regard to the presence on the Committee of members of the County Council with wide experience of Poor Law administration, but would restrict membership of the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee to members of the County Council.

In order to exercise supervision over the management of the several hospitals and institutions transferred to the County Council, the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee appointed an Institutions Sub-Committee and for convenience of management divided the hospitals and institutions into three groups, the Northern, Central and Southern Groups, each of which was placed under the immediate control of a House Committee constituted from members of the Institutions Sub-Committee. It was arranged that the several House Committees should meet monthly in turn at each of the institutions in its area, and that the House Committees should report to the full Institutions Sub-Committee, which also in turn should meet in each of the three areas in the County, thus giving all members of the Institutions Sub-Committee a personal knowledge of all the various institutions for which they are responsible.

On pages 35-45 are printed a series of statistical returns affording information of the work in connection with the treatment of the sick carried out at each of the transferred hospitals and institutions for which the County Council now is responsible, but, for the information of members of the County Council who are not members of the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee, it may not be inappropriate to make brief reference to the nature of these several institutions and the character of the work carried out at each.

In the Northern section of the County and under the control of the Northern House Committee are :—North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton House, Enfield House and Fortescue Villas, and Chase Farm Schools. Edgbury, a convalescent home situated at Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire, and transferred to the County Council from the late Edmonton Board of Guardians, also comes under the supervision of the Northern House Committee.

The Central House Committee is responsible for the management of Park Royal Hospital, Redhill Hospital and Redhill Institution, whilst the Southern House Committee is responsible for the management of West Middlesex Hospital, Warkworth House, Hillingdon Institution and Staines Institution.

In addition to the hospitals and institutions enumerated above, there are several residential institutions for children as well as central and scattered homes, but, as the management of these has been placed by the Public Assistance Committee under the control of a special Children Sub-Committee, and these establishments are not intended to deal with the sick, I do not propose to refer further to them in this report.

North Middlesex Hospital.—This is a large general hospital with accommodation for approximately 900 patients and is chiefly devoted to the treatment of acute cases both of medical and surgical character. It is staffed by a resident medical superintendent and ten whole-time assistant medical officers. In addition there is a staff of ten part-time visiting specialists. The extent and scope of the work carried out at the hospital can be judged by reference to the statistical returns which appear on pages 35, 42, 43 and 44 of this report, and from this it will be seen that during the nine months ended 31st December, 1930, there were admitted to the hospital 8,216 cases, 3,418 operations under general anæsthesia were performed, and 928 confinements took place at the hospital, whilst a total of 40,403 attendances were made by out-patients. It should be added that the hospital is provided with well equipped departments for radium treatment and deep X-ray therapy. There are also departments for electrical treatment and radiology, but these were not adequately housed and at the close of the year a new building for the X-ray plant, commenced by the late Guardians, was in course of completion, as was also a large addition to the nurses' home. At this hospital a large ante-natal clinic is held, and agreements entered into by the late Guardians with the Borough Council of Hornsey

and the Urban District Councils of Edmonton, Enfield, Southgate, Tottenham and Wood Green, provide for the reception at the hospital, for their confinements, of women attending welfare centres in these districts, the several local Councils paying an agreed rate to the County Council for the facilities provided. There are also at the hospital dental, ophthalmic, ear, nose and throat, remedial exercise and massage departments.

The North Middlesex Hospital is the only hospital in the County which is provided with a reasonably equipped pathological laboratory, and to which is attached a Visiting Pathologist. The Medical Superintendent has prepared a report on the work of the hospital during the nine months it has been under the control of the County Council, and this, in a somewhat abridged form, will be found as Appendix I to this report (page 136 *et seq.*).

Within the same curtilage as North Middlesex Hospital is another large institution, namely *Edmonton House*. This is a mixed institution, *i.e.*, it provides for the reception of both healthy and sick persons. The total accommodation of Edmonton House is 757, and at the close of the year, out of 687 inmates, 215 were classified as sick; amongst this number were those who, whilst not suffering from definite disease, were so infirm and required so much nursing attention as to justify their classification in the category of sick. Included in the accommodation at Edmonton House are observation wards for the reception of cases of mental disease. The institution is under the administration of a master and matron and the medical attendance on the inmates is provided by the staff of the North Middlesex Hospital. As the proportion of sick persons received at the institution gradually increases, it is being found more and more necessary to make structural alterations in the wards, &c., so as to render accommodation originally designed for able-bodied persons, suitable for the reception of the infirm and sick.

Enfield House comprises an old group of buildings in which are housed both sick and aged healthy persons. The accommodation for each of these classes is 17 male sick, 52 female sick, 81 male healthy, and 104 female healthy, but in addition there is an entirely separate block reserved for the reception of 50 youths and men suffering from mental deficiency. As a whole, the main block of buildings is not well adapted for its purpose and it would seem hardly possible, short of complete reconstruction, to make it a well-planned institution. Enfield House is under the administrative control of a master and matron and medical attendance on the patients is given by an assistant medical officer who also is in medical charge of Chase Farm Schools and is attached to the staff of the North Middlesex Hospital.

Fortescue Villas.—This establishment consists of two adjoining terrace-houses which communicate internally and are used for the reception of 33 women and children who are under the care of the Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective. There is a resident nursing staff and the institution is under the general administrative control of the master of Enfield House.

Chase Farm Schools.—Chase Farm Schools consist of well-constructed buildings originally intended for the accommodation and education of about 600 children. The modern policy of arranging that children of school age, for whom residential accommodation needs to be provided under the Poor Law, shall attend the ordinary public elementary schools in the neighbourhood, has resulted in a considerable proportion of the classroom accommodation, &c., provided at Chase Farm ceasing to serve its intended purpose. Similarly the experience of recent years has been that the number of children, for whom it is found to be necessary to provide residential accommodation under the Poor Law Acts, has been a steadily decreasing one. This is said largely to be the result of modern social legislation, such as the granting of widows' pensions, the payment of unemployment benefit, &c. As result of these various factors, when the County Council took over Chase Farm Schools, it was found that the main block of buildings and several subsidiary buildings were occupied by slightly over 300 children, ranging in age from two to sixteen, whilst a separate building, intended originally as an infirmary or sanatorium for the school, was being used as such on its upper floor, providing accommodation for 30 sick children, but its lower floor had been converted into a creche with accommodation for 37 infants transferred from the North Middlesex Hospital. Another separate block, with accommodation for 45 children, also had been diverted from its original purpose and was being used as a ward block for sick children belonging to North Middlesex Hospital. The assistant medical officer, referred to under Enfield House, resides at Chase Farm and is responsible for the medical care of all sick persons therein, under the general supervision of the Medical Superintendent of North Middlesex Hospital. The County Council have felt that Chase Farm Schools are not being utilised to the fullest extent possible nor to the best advantage, and during the course of the year the question as to their future use was under consideration, but up to the present no definite decision has been arrived at.

Edgbury Convalescent Home.—This institution is situated at Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire, and is a large house which has been adapted for its present purpose. It provides accommodation for 84 patients, and at the time of transfer was found to be occupied by 27 women undergoing convalescence after treatment in the North Middlesex Hospital, and 46 chronic (chiefly bedridden) cases, which had been transferred thereto from the various Poor Law institutions in the late Edmonton Union. It is under the charge of a resident matron and is attended daily by a part-time visiting medical officer in practice in the vicinity. During 1930 the use of Edgbury as a convalescent home

for women was extended to suitable cases resident in any part of the County, but owing to lack of alternative accommodation, it was not found possible materially to reduce the proportion of chronic cases occupying beds in the home.

Park Royal Hospital.—Although it bears the title of “hospital,” in fact this is a large mixed institution. The group of buildings on the frontage of the site constitute a general hospital with wards for medical and surgical cases, both acute and chronic, operating theatre, &c. Immediately behind these buildings there is a small separate block for maternity cases and also a small mental observation block. Towards the rear of the site are additional buildings which provide accommodation for chronic cases, aged and infirm, and able bodied persons. The total accommodation of the institution is 901, of which 689 beds are classified as accommodation for sick persons. The whole institution is under the administrative control of a master, who is a medical man and acts as medical superintendent, and he is assisted in his duties by a deputy master (non-medical) and three assistant resident medical officers. During the nine months ended 31st December, 1930, there were 2,924 admissions to the hospital; 581 operations were performed under general anæsthesia, and 399 confinements took place. As in the case of the North Middlesex Hospital, an agreement had been entered into between the late Guardians and the neighbouring district council, *i.e.*, the Urban District Council of Willesden, to receive the Council’s maternity cases at the hospital at an agreed rate. At the time of the transference it was found, however, that there was no provision at this hospital for an ante-natal clinic nor for any special departments, neither were out-patients dealt with at the hospital. The statistical returns on pages 37, 42, 43 and 45 of this report gives some indication of the extensive work carried out at Park Royal Hospital, whilst the report prepared by the Medical Superintendent (Appendix II of this report, page 162 *et seq.*) give further details of the work of the hospital.

Redhill Hospital.—This is a small general hospital designed to deal with 175 cases, but actually used for over 200. It is entirely modern, having been opened by the late Minister of Health in 1927. Only acute cases are dealt with at the hospital and the turnover of work is very large. During the nine months ended the 31st December, 1930, 2,497 patients were admitted, 735 operations under general anæsthesia were performed, and 334 confinements took place. A large proportion of the confinements were cases referred from the welfare centres of neighbouring district councils, but in most instances payment was made directly by the patients (if able) and not by the district councils. The hospital is under the administration of a medical superintendent who is assisted by two resident medical officers and a visiting surgeon (part-time). Except for patients who have been discharged from the hospital, and minor accidents, out-patients are not dealt with at Redhill Hospital, there being no accommodation available for the purpose. The statistical returns of the work of the hospital, as required by the Ministry of Health, appear on pages 38, 42, 43 and 45, but attention is especially called to an extremely valuable report, largely of a statistical nature, compiled by the Medical Superintendent. This is printed as Appendix III of this report (see page 166 *et seq.*), and well repays perusal.

Redhill Institution.—This is a mixed institution under the administrative control of a master and provides accommodation for 114 sick and 255 healthy persons. With the exception of a recent addition to the infirmary, the buildings are old fashioned and not very satisfactory. Medical attendance on the patients is provided by a part-time medical officer who is in practice in the neighbourhood. Only healthy persons and patients suffering from chronic conditions are received at this institution, acute cases being dealt with at Redhill Hospital.

West Middlesex Hospital is a general hospital of approximately 400 beds, which deals largely with acute medical and surgical cases, but also has a certain number of chronic patients in its wards. It is under the administrative control of a medical superintendent, who is assisted by four resident medical officers. There are also on the staff a visiting (part-time) radiologist and an electro-therapist, who attend regularly, whilst the services of a visiting general surgeon and an obstetrician are available when required. During the nine months ended 31st December, 1930, the total number of admissions to the hospital was 2,355, and 569 operations under general anæsthesia were performed, whilst 54 maternity cases of special difficulty were dealt with in the wards.

For further details of the work of the hospital, reference should be made to the tables which appear on pages 39, 42 and 45 of this report. In addition to the ordinary medical and surgical work carried out at the hospital, there are departments for electro-therapeutics, radiology and massage, and buildings commenced by the late Guardians for the provision of a combined maternity block and preliminary training school for nurses, and for an electrical department with wards on the upper floors, are in course of completion.

Adjoining the West Middlesex Hospital is *Warkworth House*, which is a large well-planned mixed institution with accommodation for some 800 persons. In Warkworth House the majority of the inmates are suffering from chronic diseases, or are so aged and infirm as to come within the definition of sick. On the 31st December, 1930, the total number of sick persons in the institution was 559, as compared with 254 healthy inmates. At the present time a maternity block containing 16 beds is included in the institution, and 167 births took place during the last quarter of the year, but, when the new maternity block at the West Middlesex Hospital is completed, maternity cases will be dealt with at the hospital only and not in the institution. In the institution there are also 147 beds reserved for the accommodation of cases of mental disease and defect and epilepsy. The Medical Superintendent

of West Middlesex Hospital is responsible for medical attendance upon the patients in Warkworth House, and the master of Warkworth House is also the steward of West Middlesex Hospital.

Hillingdon Institution.—This is situated near Uxbridge, and is a mixed institution under the control of a master. Structurally it consists of two groups of buildings, one containing accommodation for 97 able-bodied persons, together with wards for 143 persons suffering from chronic disease and infirmity. Separated from the institution proper, but within the same curtilage, are a small isolation block, a small mental observation block, a residential nursery and an infirmary or hospital block. In this latter, which has accommodation for 76 patients, are treated the more acute cases admitted to the institution, as well as cases admitted for confinement, and when the County Council took over the institution an additional ward block, with accommodation for 62 cases, was practically completed. Generally speaking, the hospital block was found not to be fully equipped to deal with acute medical and surgical cases; there is no proper operating theatre in the building but an adapted room is used for operations when necessary. At the time the institution came under the control of the County Council, medical attendance on the patients in the institution was provided by the services of a part-time medical officer, who also was engaged in general practice, &c., in the neighbouring district of Uxbridge, but after a short experience of the demands on the hospital, the Council were of opinion this system was inadequate and decided to appoint a whole-time officer. This officer commenced duty in November. During the nine months ended 31st December, 1930, there were 463 admissions to the sick and maternity wards of the institution, and 31 women were admitted for confinement, and 48 operations were performed under general anæsthesia.

Staines Institution.—This is a small mixed institution providing accommodation for rather over 300 persons. Although on the 31st December, 1930, out of the total of 235 inmates, 124 were classified as sick, these were mostly of a chronic type, and the institution is not well adapted for the treatment of acute cases, either medical or surgical. Accommodation is provided for 8 maternity cases, but, during the nine months ended 31st December, 1930, only 16 women were admitted for confinement. In the time of the late Guardians it had been the practice for cases of serious illness or accidents, occurring in the area, not to be admitted to Staines Institution, but to be transferred directly to King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, but since the 1st April, 1930, such cases have been dealt with by admission to the West Middlesex Hospital, under the control of the County Council. Medical attendance upon the inmates of Staines Institution is provided by the services of a part-time medical officer who is in general practice in the neighbourhood.

From the foregoing summary it will be noted that, on the 1st April, the County Council had transferred to it three general hospitals providing accommodation for about 1,500 persons, one mixed institution (Park Royal Hospital) which provides hospital accommodation for about 700 acute and chronic sick, as well as institutional accommodation for about 300 aged and healthy persons; six mixed institutions with accommodation for some 1,100 to 1,200 chronic sick and 800 healthy persons; one residential institution for children (Chase Farm Schools), with accommodation for about 500 inmates, a part of which is used for the reception of up to 45 sick children and 37 healthy infants transferred from the North Middlesex Hospital, and one convalescent home with accommodation for 84 women.

The above, however, does not represent the total number of beds in public hospitals and institutions available for the use of Middlesex residents. Prior to the coming into operation of the Local Government Act, 1929, the Urban Districts of Finchley and Friern Barnet and the Rural District of South Mimms formed a part of the Barnet Union, and institutional cases, sick and healthy, from these districts were accommodated in the Wellhouse Hospital and Barnet Institution which are situated in Hertfordshire. Similarly, the urban districts of Hampton, Hampton Wick and Teddington, formed a part of Kingston Union and residents in these districts, requiring admission to institution, were admitted to Kingston and District Hospital and Kingston Central Relief Institution, which are situated in the County of Surrey.

Although in the case of the Barnet Union, the Middlesex residents constituted nearly two-thirds of the population of the Union, after careful consideration it was decided that no claim should be advanced by the County Council for Wellhouse Hospital, &c., to be transferred to Middlesex, but, after considerable negotiation, agreement was entered into with the Hertford County Council, providing that 150 beds for sick persons and 130 beds for healthy persons at Wellhouse Hospital and Institution should be reserved for the use of Middlesex patients for a period of eight years. Similarly, an agreement was prepared between the Middlesex County Council and the Surrey County Council whereby the former retained the right to use a total of 80 beds for sick persons and 35 beds for healthy persons at the Kingston and District Hospital and Kingston Central Relief Institution for a period of three years. This agreement was not actually completed at the end of 1930.

On the other hand, agreements were entered into by Middlesex with the Essex and Hertford County Councils respectively, under which a total of 81 beds at the North Middlesex Hospital and 64 beds at the Institutions in the northern part of the County were made available for the use of persons residing in districts in Essex and Hertfordshire which previously had formed a part of the Edmonton Union. The Essex agreement is for a period of five years, and the Hertfordshire agreement for ten years.

The experience of the nine months, during which the County Council has been responsible for the administration of the Acts providing medical assistance for necessitous persons, has shown that the accommodation transferred to the County Council by the late Boards of Guardians is far from sufficient to deal with the needs of the County. There is no doubt that for some considerable time prior to the 1st April, 1930, Boards of Guardians had refrained from embarking upon extensive schemes of enlargement of their various hospitals, &c., owing to uncertainty as to the future and, no doubt, if the Local Government Act had not been passed, much additional work of extension and improvement would have been undertaken in connection with these hospitals and institutions. Whilst in an area where the population is more or less stationary, such cessation of activity might be attended with little or no serious inconvenience, in Middlesex, where the rate of growth of population is phenomenal, this more or less inevitable period of inactivity has placed the County Council in a position of considerable difficulty.

The recent census has revealed that during the past ten years the population of Middlesex has increased by 385,519, and it is apparent, therefore, that to provide the same services in 1931 that were provided in 1921, a very considerable increase in institutional accommodation is necessary. Added to this must be taken into consideration the circumstance that public opinion as to the responsibilities of a local authority in connection with the provision of institutional treatment for the sick has undergone great change in recent years, with the result that the demand upon the accommodation provided shows continuous and progressive increase.

I think it will not be out of place to mention the various problems which had faced the late Boards of Guardians with regard to the need for increased accommodation in their several areas, and to indicate how far the Guardians had progressed in their consideration of these needs by 1st April, 1930.

As regards the northern area, mention already has been made of the building of a new electrical department at the North Middlesex Hospital, which was in course of construction on the 1st April, 1930. The Guardians had also realised the necessity for extensive additions to the nurses' home, and these buildings were in course of erection when the County Council took over the institution. With regard to the maternity work carried out at the hospital, the number of beds allocated for these services had proved inadequate to deal with the rapidly growing demand, and such accommodation as was provided at the hospital was contained in buildings constructed for other purposes and which were far from ideal for the purposes for which they were used. The late Guardians had felt the need for an immediate increase in the provision for maternity cases at the hospital and had instructed their architect to prepare a plan of a complete new maternity block to be erected on the site. This matter was held over owing to the transference of the institution to the County Council.

In the case of Redhill Hospital, the position was even more acute, inasmuch as the districts around the hospital had grown more rapidly than any other part of the County and a large housing estate had been erected in the vicinity of the hospital by the London County Council, a circumstance which had never been contemplated when the original hospital was designed. On the 1st April, therefore, the County Council found themselves in possession of an institution which required to be at least doubled in size within a comparatively early period in order to meet the pressing needs of the neighbourhood. The nurses' home also had proved too small and was found inadequate to house the staff required for the proper attendance on the patients accommodated in the existing hospital. The architects employed by the late Guardians had prepared a block plan showing the proposed development of the hospital site, but beyond this the matter had not been proceeded with, although it is understood that the need for immediate extension was the subject of communication between the Ministry of Health and the Board of Guardians during 1929.

The urgent need for the provision of suitable accommodation for children and for the erection of a new electrical department at Park Royal Hospital had been realised by the late Willesden Guardians, the consent of the Ministry to these proposals had been obtained and sketch plans provisionally approved by the Ministry of Health at the time the institution was transferred to the County Council. The Ministry of Health, however, had advised the Guardians not to proceed further with the work as the capital expense would fall upon the County Council, and recommended that the plans should be passed to the County Council in order that they might be satisfied as to the details of the proposed extensions before any expenditure was incurred. In this connection it must be pointed out that the proposals of the Guardians made no provision for the housing of the additional nursing staff required when the new extensions were in operation, and the County Council, therefore, have had to consider the question of enlarging the nurses' home in conjunction with their detailed consideration of the plans for a children's block, &c., referred to above. The late Guardians were also of opinion that the accommodation available at the hospital for maternity patients was inadequate and had applied to the Ministry of Health for permission to enlarge their maternity department. The Ministry had deferred consideration of this proposal, however, pending the decision of Willesden Urban District Council as to the provision by them of a special maternity hospital for their own use.

Reference has already been made to the extension of the Hillingdon Institution undertaken by the late Guardians in the form of an additional block containing two wards. The actual structure of these wards was completed about the date the institution was handed over to the County Council. It was found, however, that the late Guardians had made no provision for housing the additional nurses which would be required before the wards could be put into use. Accordingly, the County

Council have had to consider what steps could be taken to provide the required accommodation with the least possible delay. Meanwhile the process of equipping the wards has been proceeded with.

At the West Middlesex Hospital the late Guardians had decided that suitable provision should be made for the reception of maternity cases. This decision was arrived at owing to the desire to remove this branch of institutional work from the precincts of the Poor Law institution and establish it as a part of the adjoining hospital. In addition to this, the actual accommodation available for maternity cases in the institution was not well planned for its purpose and was inadequate in size. At the time the County Council took over the management of the West Middlesex Hospital, it was found that the Guardians had in course of erection a modern maternity block affording accommodation for some thirty maternity cases, together with the necessary resident staff, and in the same building provision was made for the accommodation of the nurses preliminary training school belonging to the hospital. The Guardians also had commenced the erection of an addition to the hospital in the form of a block containing, on the ground floor, an electro-therapeutic department, and, on the upper storeys, wards for the accommodation of some sixty female patients, including sick members of the hospital and institution staffs. At the close of the year, building operations were still proceeding on both the maternity and electrical departments. It should be added that, as in the case of Hillingdon Institution, with the exception of the accommodation for the maternity staff and the preliminary training school pupils, no provision was made for the additional nursing or medical staffs necessitated by the above-mentioned increase in the size of the hospital, and the question as to the best method by which this problem can be solved is still engaging the attention of the County Council. The chief difficulty which is being experienced in this connection results from the circumstance that it is impossible to enlarge the existing nurses' home owing to its position on the site.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the late Guardians in Middlesex fully appreciated the fact that, notwithstanding the impending transference to the County Council of their several hospitals and institutions, some of the requirements which it was their duty to meet were of so urgent a character as to brook no delay. It is unfortunate that, except in the case of the North Middlesex Hospital, the additional provision required for the staffs necessary to administer the several extensions set out above also were not included in the works commenced by the late Guardians.

The County Council, appreciating the magnitude of the task which had been placed upon them by the Local Government Act, felt that it would be unwise to undertake any additional extensions until they had had full opportunity of ascertaining by experience the effect which the placing of all the hospitals under one unified control would have upon the adequacy of the existing provision. A very short time however, sufficed to convince the Council that very extensive additions to the hospitals would be necessary, and much time has been spent in formulating schemes for the development of the several hospitals in the most efficient manner. Advantage has been taken of County control to mitigate abnormal overcrowding occurring in any one of these hospitals during times of local pressure on accommodation, and also to render available to all residents in the County the facilities provided at individual hospitals for the giving of special treatment, such as radium treatment at the North Middlesex County Hospital, electrical treatment at the West Middlesex County Hospital, &c.

Another subject which has occupied the County Council during the year is the question of the conditions of service, salaries, &c., of the staffs employed in the various transferred hospitals and institutions. It was found that there existed very great discrepancies between the salaries and terms of employment of officers engaged upon similar duties, but employed in different hospitals, and at the close of the year a complete scheme, setting out conditions applicable to all future appointments on the medical and nursing staffs of the institutions, &c., belonging to the County Council, was nearing completion. The Committee have given instructions that proposals shall be formulated with a view to placing existing officers in their appropriate positions on the scales of salaries, &c., included in the scheme.

The responsibilities of the County Council under the Poor Law Acts in respect of the provision of medical treatment for the necessitous sick, include the provision of domiciliary as well as institutional treatment. This service is under the general control of the Out-Relief and General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee, and is administered by the Local Guardians Committees set up in accordance with Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1929.

The County Medical Officer is the adviser of the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee and its various sub-committees on all medical matters, and he reports to the Out-Relief Sub-Committee on any medical questions relating to domiciliary medical attendance calling for special consideration. The actual work of domiciliary medical attendance is provided by duly appointed general medical practitioners, who are termed district medical officers. A list of these, showing the respective areas of the County for which they are medically responsible, will be found on pages viii and ix of the report.

In connection with both in-patient and domiciliary treatment the need for various ancillary services exists. These include the provision of surgical appliances; dental treatment, &c., and the sending of patients to convalescent homes, special hospitals, colonies and the like. All these matters are dealt with centrally and under the general control of the County Medical Officer and his staff. At the close of the year 236 patients were being maintained by the County Council in such institutions.

SUMMARY OF THE RETURNS RELATING TO THE INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT OF THE SICK PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS AND MEDICAL OFFICERS AND REQUIRED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

North Middlesex Hospital.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.
Medical	4	80	88	80	86	9	4	169	178
Surgical	7	107	87	105	115	35	30	247	232
Children	1	—	—	—	—	46	38	46	38
Chronic sick*	8	91	46	193	165	—	—	284	211
Venereal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Isolation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternity block..	1	—	—	58	49	—	—	58	49
Mental	2	19	7	15	2	—	—	34	9
Mental defectives	—	—	11	—	2	—	—	—	13
Other :—									
Epilepsy	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	7
Senile Dementia	1	—	13	65	51	—	—	65	64
TOTAL	24	297	257	516	472	90	72	903	801

* NOTE.—Patients needing hospital treatment because they are suffering from some chronic disease : also aged infirm persons whose medical and nursing needs approximate to those of chronic patients.

Not included in above table :—

10 balcony beds (available in good weather only) for tubercular patients Occupied 31.12.30, Nil.

48 cots for maternity infants Occupied 31.12.30, 41.

Extent of Provision for Out-Patients.

Nature and scope of the out-patient provision (1) Dispensary ; (2) Nose, throat and ear ;
for continuation of treatment, emergency (3) General dressings and treatments ; (4)
treatment, consultations or otherwise. Ophthalmic ; (5) Massage ; (6) Ante-natal ;
(7) Casualties ; (8) Dental ; (9) Electro-
therapeutic and ultra violet ray ; (10) Radium
and deep therapy Rontgen ; (11) Rontgen
diagnostic.

Total number of persons seen in the out-patient department. 22,734.

Number of these persons who were admitted for in-patient treatment in the Institution. Figures not available for 1930.

Number of these persons who had received in-patient treatment in the Institution. Figures not available for 1930.

Total number of attendances in the out-patient department. 40,403.

Ante-natal clinic, number of women seen and the total number of attendances. Approximately 3,000 to 4,000 attendances.

Venereal disease clinic No V.D. Clinic.

Edmonton House.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.	Pro-vided.	Occu-pied.
*Chronic sick	9	95	95	120	120	—	—	215	215
Total	9	95	95	120	120	—	—	215	215

* See note above.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients—Nil.

Enfield House.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
*Chronic sick ..	7	17	9	52	51	—	—	69	60
Mental defectives ..	8	49	47	—	—	1	1	50	48
Total ..	15	66	56	52	51	1	1	119	108

* See note on page 35.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients—Nil.

Forteseue Villas, Enfield.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Mental defectives ..	—	—	—	3	3	30	30	33	33
Total ..	—	—	—	3	3	30	30	33	33

Extent of provision for Out-Patients—Nil.

Chase Farm Schools.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Children from Chase Farm Schools ..	6	—	—	—	—	75	57	75	57
Children from North Middlesex Hospital ..	4	—	—	—	—	39	30	39	30
Total ..	10	—	—	—	—	114	87	114	87

Extent of provision for Out-Patients—Nil.

Edgbury Convalescent Home.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical	—	—	—	80	64	—	9	80	73
Total	—	—	—	80	64	—	9	80	73

Extent of provision for Out-Patients—Nil.

Park Royal Hospital.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical†	6	66	56	87	43	28	28	181	127
Surgical	3	59	51	60	40	18	18	137	109
Children|| .. ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chronic sick* ..	4	111	111	177	177	—	—	288	288
Venereal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis† ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Isolation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternity	1	—	—	24†	21	—	—	24	21
Mental	2	9	8	43	38	7	7	59	53
(a) Short stay ..									
(b) Long stay ..									
Mental defectives ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	3	114	{ 11† 61§ }	56	{ 9† 35§ }	42	20§	212	{ 20† 116§ }
Total	21	359	298	447	363	95	73	901	734

* See note on page 35. † Including 10 beds in other wards. ‡ Epileptic. § Healthy.
|| Children in these wards are included in figures given under medical, surgical, and other cases.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients.

Nature and scope of the out-patient provision for continuation of treatment, emergency treatment, consultations or otherwise.	Emergency cases and accidents.
Total number of persons seen in the out-patient department.	440.
Number of these persons who were admitted for in-patient treatment in the Institution.	23.
Number of these persons who had received in-patient treatment in the Institution.	Figures not available.
Total number of attendances in the out-patient department.	440.
Ante-natal clinic	Nil.
Venereal disease clinic	Nil.

Redhill Hospital.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical	2	32	18	30	27	—	10	62	55
Surgical	2	30	30	28	22	—	6	58	58
Children	1	—	—	—	—	28	21	28	21
Chronic sick*	2	7	4	8	2	—	1	15	7
Venereal									
Tuberculosis									
Isolation	1	—	—	25	23	—	—	25	23
Maternity									
Mental	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Short stay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Long stay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mental defectives	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	69	52	91	74	28	38	188	164

* See note on page 35.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients.

Nature and scope of the out-patient provision for continuation of treatment, emergency treatment, consultations or otherwise.	No out-patient department exists. Cases of injury not in need of in-patient treatment receive attention in receiving room. If such cases require further out-patient treatment, they are referred to their private or panel doctors. Patients discharged from wards, before treatment is completed, return to the wards for daily dressings. Those requiring further massage after discharge, return to the wards for this, there being no massage room. Ear cases return for daily dressings in the medical superintendent's office. No consultations are held.
Total number of persons seen in the out-patient department.	706.
Number of these persons who were admitted for in-patient treatment in the Institution.	4.
Number of these persons who had received in-patient treatment in the Institution.	94.
Total number of attendances in the out-patient department—	
Aural	350
Massage	390
X-Ray	141
Casualties	471
Return to ward	150
	1,502
Ante-natal clinic, number of women seen and the total number of attendances.	354 and 1,250.
Venereal disease clinic	Nil.

Redhill Institution.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Chronic sick*	7	37	36	72	70	Nil	2†	109	108
Mental	3	2	—	3	1	—	—	5	1
Total	10	39	36	75	71	—	2	114	109

* See note on page 35.

† In adult beds: 1 female, 1 male.

*Extent of provision for Out-Patients.—Nil.**West Middlesex Hospital.*

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN. (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical	8	91	79	90	76	—	—	181	155
Surgical	3	28	26	45	38	—	—	73	64
Children	6	—	—	—	—	93	76	93	76
Chronic sick*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	4	16	13	16	12	—	—	32	25
Isolation	2	—	—	—	—	16	12	16	12
Maternity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mental	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Short stay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Long stay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mental defectives	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	23	135	118	151	126	109	88	395	332

* See note on page 35.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients.

Nature and scope of the out-patient provision for continuation of treatment, emergency treatment, consultations or otherwise	Only provided for continuation of treatment after patients have left the hospital.
Total number of persons seen in the out-patient department.	Not known.
Number of these persons who were admitted for in-patient treatment in the Institution.	None.
Number of these persons who had received in-patient treatment in the Institution.	Not known definitely, but most of the above.
Total number of attendances in the out-patient department.	Electrical treatment 3,219 Massage 1,254 X-Ray treatment 82
	Total 4,555
Ante-natal clinic	Nil.
Venereal disease clinic	Nil.

Warkworth House.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Chronic sick*	25	157	154	251	246	7	7	415	407
Maternity	2	—	—	16	15	—	—	16	15
Mental	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Short stay		30	28	74	66	1	1	105	95
(b) Long stay									
Mental defectives									
Epileptics									
Other									
Total	38	201	196	360	346	17	17	578	559

* See note on page 35.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients.—Nil.

Hillingdon Institution.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical	4	34	10	34	21	—	—	68	31
Surgical									
Chronic sick*	8	62	52	81	78	6	5	149	135
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Maternity	1	—	—	2	4	—	—	2	4
Mental—									
(a) Short stay	1	4	4	4	1	—	—	8	5
(b) Long stay	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Mental defectives	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total	14	100	68	121	106	6	5	227	179

* See note on page 35.

Up to 1st November, 1930, the medical care of the patients was under the control of a part-time officer, also in general practice. Two new wards with accommodation for 62, erected by the late Guardians, are being equipped, but there is no accommodation for the nursing staff which will be required before these can be utilised.

Extent of provision for Out-Patients.

Nature and scope of the out-patient provision for continuation of treatment, emergency treatment, consultations or otherwise.

This hospital is in the process of development, and at the moment there is no out-patient department. Provisions are being made for emergency treatment. Continuation treatment is to a small extent being practised.

Staines Institution.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SICK AND THE NUMBER OF BEDS OCCUPIED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER. 1930.

Classification of Wards.	Number of Wards.	BEDS.							
		MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN (Under 16).		Total.	
		Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.	Pro- vided.	Occu- pied.
Medical	6	5	5	5	5	1	1	11	11
Surgical	6	4	1	4	—	—	—	8	1
Children	1	—	—	—	—	14	12	14	12
Chronic sick*	—	55	49	40	44	3	3	98	96
Isolation	2	4	—	4	—	—	—	8	—
Maternity	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	8	2
Mental—									
(a) Short stay ..	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	4	—
(b) Long stay ..		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other—Epileptic ..	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	2	2
Total	19	71	56	64	52	18	16	153	124

* See note on page 35.

Extent of provision for Out-patients—Nil.

STATISTICS RELATING TO IN-PATIENTS DEALT WITH AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE 1ST APRIL TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

	North Middlesex Hospital.	Edmonton House.	Enfield House.	Fortescue Villas.	Chase Farm Schools.		Edgbury Con- valescent Home.	Park Royal Hospital.	Redhill Hospital.	Redhill Institu- tion.	West Middlesex Hospital.	Wark- worth House.	Hillingdon Institu- tion.	Staines Institu- tion.
					Chase Farm Schools.	North Middlesex Hospital.								
Total number of admissions ...	8,216	170	—	6	489	116	228	2,924	2,497	274	2,355	1,244	463	228
Number of maternity cases admitted ...	958	—	—	—	—	—	—	399	342	—	54	190	31	17
Number of live births ...	862	—	—	—	—	—	—	383	314	—	39	163	35	16
Number of still births ...	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	20	—	20	4	2	1
Number of deaths among the newly-born (<i>i.e.</i> , under four weeks of age) ...	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	(<i>g</i>) 8	—	5	3	4	3
Total number of deaths among children under one year ...	79	1	—	—	—	1	—	43	(<i>h</i>) 31	—	25	—	8	—
Number of maternal deaths ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	1	—
Total number of deaths ...	(<i>a</i>) 1,077	81	19	2	—	4	5	374	209	97	428	178	81	34
Number of patients discharged ...	7,179	101	(<i>d</i>) 26	(<i>e</i>) 4	475	121	227	2,584	2,279	209	1,983	1,061	391	166
Average duration of stay in days of patients (total patient-days divided by deaths and discharges)	30	224	—	—	—	—	38	71	19·41	35 $\frac{2}{3}$	40	134	(<i>i</i>)	(<i>j</i>)
Number of beds occupied—														
(<i>a</i>) Average during the period ...	891	215	103·2	32·5	—	—	77	752	175·6	106	340	546	164	(<i>j</i>)
(<i>b</i>) Highest ...	979	215	110	33	59	28	80	799	210	111	382	583	166	130
(<i>c</i>) Lowest ...	(<i>b</i>) 808	207	97	31	10	29	69	708	155	99	294	510	163	102
Number of surgical operations un- der general anæsthetic (exclud- ing dental operations) ...	3,418	—	—	—	—	—	—	581	735	—	569	—	48	—
Number of abdominal sections ...	(<i>c</i>) 724	—	—	—	—	—	—	(<i>f</i>) 142	166	—	129	—	—	—

(*a*) Including maternal deaths.
(*b*) Including 43 infants in maternity wards.
(*c*) Excluding 117 inguinal and femoral herniæ.
(*d*) 13 to North Middlesex Hospital and 13 mentally defectives to other institutions.
(*e*) Transferred to other institutions by Committee for the Care of Mentally Defectives.
(*f*) Excluding hernias and kidney operations.
(*g*) Born in hospital.
(*h*) Including (*g*).
(*i*) Records incomplete.
(*j*) No separate records kept.

STATISTICS RELATING TO IN-PATIENTS DEALT WITH IN THE MATERNITY DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE 1ST APRIL TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

	North Middlesex Hospital.	Park Royal Hospital.	Redhill Hospital.	Wark- worth House.*	Hillingdon Institu- tion.	Staines Institu- tion.
Number of beds	50	14	25	16	2	8
Number of cases admitted during the year	958	514	425	256 (68)	49	19
Average duration of stay (in days) ..	14	13	14	14	15	10
Number of cases delivered by—						
(a) Midwives	848	488	406	213 (13)	45	17
(b) Doctors	71	26	18	9 (45)	4	2
Number of cases in which medical assistance was sought by a midwife	199	71	60	†	11	2
Number of cases notified as—						
(a) Puerperal fever	1	—	—	—	1	—
(b) Puerperal pyrexia	4	10	8	— (2)	—	—
Number of cases of pemphigus neonatorum	2	1	—	—	—	—
Number of infants not entirely breastfed while in the Institution	†	8	7	17	4	1
Number of cases notified as oph- thalmia neonatorum	—	3	—	—	1	—
Number of maternal deaths ..	3	4	6	— (1)	1	—
Cause of death in each case—						
Eclampsia	1	—	1	—	—	—
Other toxæmias of pregnancy	—	—	2	—	—	—
Placenta prævia	—	2	1	1	—	—
Rupture of the uterus	—	1	—	—	—	—
Puerperal sepsis	2	1	2	—	—	—
Morbus cordis	—	—	—	—	1	—
Number of foetal deaths—						
(i) Still-born	66	20	23	4 (26)	3	1
(ii) Within 10 days of birth	11	10	10	4 (3)	2	3
Cause of death in each case—						
Still-births—	†			†		†
Maternal conditions—						
Maternal toxæmia		2	12		1	
Maternal syphilis		—	1		—	
Complications of labour—						
Concealed accidental hæmorrhage		1	—		—	
Placenta prævia		5	4		—	
Prolapse of cord		1	1		—	
Prolonged abnormal labour		5	1		2	
Rupture of the uterus		1	—		—	
Foetal states—						
Prematurity		5	—		—	
Post-maturity		—	2		—	
Anencephaly		—	1		—	
Intracranial injury		—	—		—	
Neo-Natal Deaths—						
Prematurity	7	8	6	2 (2)	1	—
Foetal shock	—	—	3	—	—	—
Birth injury	1	1	1	—	1	—
Asphyxia	3	—	—	1	—	2
Developmental defects	—	1	—	1 (1)	—	1

* The figures in brackets refer to cases which, owing to difficulty or abnormality occurring in labour, were transferred to the West Middlesex Hospital for their confinements.

† Information not available.

CLASSIFICATION OF IN-PATIENTS WHO WERE DISCHARGED FROM OR WHO DIED IN THE
31ST DEC

DISEASE GROUPS.	North Middlesex Hospital.		Edmonton House.		Enfield House.		Fortescue Villas.		Chase Farm Schools.	
	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	
									North Middlesex Hospital.	Chase Farm Schools.
A. Acute infectious disease (1)*	36	93	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	139
B. Influenza (2)	—	16	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	46
C. Tuberculosis—										
Pulmonary	5	117	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Non-pulmonary	27	31	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—
D. Malignant disease (3)	1	299	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
E. Rheumatism—										
(1) Acute rheumatism (rheumatic fever), together with sub-acute rheumatism and chorea	87	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	6
(2) Non-articular manifestations of so-called “rheumatism” (mus- cular rheumatism, fibrositis, lumbago and sciatica)	1	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(3) Chronic arthritis	—	80	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
F. Venereal disease	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. Puerperal pyrexia	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H. Puerperal fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I. Other diseases and accidents connected with child bearing	1	248	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. Mental diseases	15	372	—	3	—	17	6	—	3	—
K. Senile decay (4)... ..	—	122	—	47	—	2	—	—	—	—
L. Violence (5)	223	615	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7
<i>In respect of cases not included above.</i>										
M. Disease of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	105	464	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	2
N. Disease of the Respiratory System ...	111	304	—	48	—	3	—	—	29	38
O. ,, Circulatory System ...	11	457	—	60	—	14	—	—	2	—
P. ,, Digestive System ...	305	990	—	—	—	3	—	—	13	29
Q. ,, Genito-urinary System	49	399	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	3
R. ,, Skin	93	172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. Other diseases	979†	1,326†	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	209
T. Healthy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,049	6,207	1	181	—	45	6	—	121	479

*(1) Including—with the exception of Influenzal Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Puerperal Pyrexia and Puerperal Fever—all generally notifiable diseases, together with Measles, German Measles, Chickenpox, Whooping Cough and Mumps. Cases of Influenzal Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Puerperal Pyrexia and Puerperal Fever are recorded respectively among Groups B, C, G and H. Cases of Encephalitis Lethargica are entered under Group A if acute and under Group M if chronic.

(2) Including acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

(3) Including Carcinoma and Sarcoma.

(4) Confined to cases and deaths in which no more specific diagnosis was practicable.

(5) Including suicides, attempted suicides and poisoning cases.

† Including maternity mothers and infants.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS DURING THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO
EMBER, 1930.

Edgbury Convalescent Home.		Park Royal Hospital.		Redhill Hospital.		Redhill Institution.		West Middlesex Hospital.		Warkworth House		Hillingdon Institution.		Staines Institution.
Children (under 16).	Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	Children (under 16).	Men and Women.	
—	—	11	12	41	55	—	—	118	66	3	3	—	14	Information not available.
—	—	54	8	—	1	—	—	1	11	—	1	—	7	
—	—	1	48	1	20	—	—	3	99	—	1	—	7	
—	—	2	6	1	3	—	3	9	18	—	2	—	1	
—	2	6	61	—	38	—	22	—	117	—	17	—	18	
11	6	3	15	26	19	—	—	35	29	—	2	2	2	
—	10	8	9	—	9	—	—	—	15	—	13	—	5	
—	8	—	13	—	15	—	12	—	29	—	22	—	8	
—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	10	—	5	—	—	
—	6	—	3	—	7	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	
—	—	14	80	—	132	—	—	—	172	—	12	—	8	
—	—	1	58	—	1	—	68	1	11	5	199	—	39	
—	6	—	69	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	16	—	12	
1	2	75	270	98	337	—	—	22	253	2	51	4	43	
11	44	27	96	21	51	—	46	48	105	7	116	4	42	
8	22	68	151	37	31	—	16	24	113	4	52	8	35	
3	44	3	190	12	61	—	94	10	205	—	160	1	34	
2	37	82	218	261	183	—	—	121	270	3	38	5	9	
—	2	11	100	30	72	—	3	18	124	2	14	—	20	
—	5	25	39	18	19	—	1	44	32	2	17	4	12	
2†	—	31	527	68	174	—	41	51	135	4	58	6	77	
—	—	473	90	330	312	—	—	59	19	211§	197§	35||	9||	
38	194	895	2,063	944	1,544	—	306	566	1,845	243	996	69	403	200

† Osteo-myelitis.

§ Including normal labours and healthy newly-born.

|| Newly-born infants.

Welfare of the Blind.

The administration of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, has been delegated by the County Council to a special committee—the Blind Persons Sub-Committee of the Education Committee. The executive work of promoting the welfare of blind persons resident in the County is largely undertaken on behalf of the County Council by a voluntary association—the Middlesex Association for the Blind.

The activities of the Association include :—the keeping of the register of blind persons ; the arranging for the training of blind persons and the procuring for them of employment, where possible ; the visiting of the blind in their own homes by home teachers who give instruction in reading and writing in embossed types and in other useful and interesting occupations ; the arranging for exchange of books from the National Library for the Blind and the organisation of social functions and entertainments for blind persons.

With regard to the keeping of the register, it has been the practice of the Association for some years past to refer to the County Medical Officer the certificates of medical practitioners relating to blind persons in the case of whom any doubt existed as to whether the degree of blindness was such as to bring the persons concerned within the scope of the Blind Persons Act. In order, however, to secure as great a measure of uniformity in certification as possible, arrangements were made towards the close of 1930 that every certificate of blindness should be submitted to the County Medical Officer for scrutiny before a person's name was entered on the register of the blind. In the majority of cases it is possible, on the information contained in a certificate, to express a definite opinion as to whether a person is, or is not, blind within the meaning of the Act. In other instances, however, further information may be required before an opinion can be arrived at : in such cases it has been the practice either to arrange for the case to attend the Public Health Department for ophthalmological examination or to ask the Association to obtain the opinion of a consultant at an eye hospital or elsewhere.

During the year, 74 certificates were submitted for scrutiny. In 17 instances, as information was incomplete, arrangements were made for the persons concerned to be examined in the Public Health Department. Of the 17 cases, ten were found to be “ too blind to perform work for which eyesight is essential ” and seven to be not blind within the meaning of the Act.

Of the 74 cases referred to above, 47 persons were deemed to be blind and 24 not blind within the meaning of the Blind Persons Act, whilst in three cases opinion was withheld pending further investigation.

On March 31st, 1931, there were 1,503 persons whose names appeared on the register of blind persons in Middlesex ; of this number 79 were also deaf.

The cases on the register are classified as follows :—

Babies	6
Children of school age :—	
(a) At school	57
(b) Not at school (owing to other physical or mental defect) ..	13
Trainable blind :—	
(a) In training in blind industrial centres	51
(b) Not in training	7
Employed :—	
(a) In workshops for the blind	59
(b) Under the County home-workers' scheme	71
(c) St. Dunstaners	88
(d) Collectors for Greater London Fund, Workshops or National Institute for the Blind	10
(e) Masseurs or masseuses	13
(f) Others	63
Trained unemployed	5
Unemployable	1,060
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	1,503

In its scheme of the administrative arrangements proposed to be made for discharging the functions transferred to the Council under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1929, the County Council made a declaration to the effect that “ all domiciliary assistance to blind persons shall be provided exclusively by virtue of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and not by way of poor relief.”

In addition to its activities for promoting the welfare of blind persons, the Middlesex Association for the Blind also undertakes work in connection with the prevention of blindness and to this end makes arrangements for persons suffering from diseases of the eye to be examined by ophthalmic surgeons. The Association pays fares to hospitals where necessary and, in suitable cases, provides spectacles or treatment prescribed. Under the terms of sec. 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925, the County Council makes an annual grant to the Middlesex Association for the Blind to assist this work of prevention of blindness.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE MIDWIVES ACTS, 1902 TO 1926.

Until October 1st, 1930, the County Council was the local supervising authority under the Midwives Acts throughout the whole of the County. After the passing of the Local Government Act, 1929, applications were made to the Minister of Health under section 62 of that Act by the Borough Councils of Acton and Ealing and the Urban District Councils of Brentford and Chiswick, Edmonton, Finchley, Tottenham, Willesden and Wood Green for powers to constitute them local supervising authorities under the Midwives Acts, 1902–1926. In July, 1930, the Minister of Health issued Orders constituting the Borough Council of Ealing and the Urban District Councils of Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden local supervising authorities under the Midwives Acts for their respective districts as from October 1st, 1930.

In the case of the Borough of Acton and the Urban Districts of Brentford and Chiswick, Finchley, and Wood Green, however, the Minister came to the conclusion that he would not be justified in acceding to these applications, and decided, therefore, not to make any Order in respect of these districts.

The powers of the County Council under the Midwives Acts, 1902 to 1926, have been delegated to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Council. The work of inspection, &c., is carried out under the general administrative control of the County Medical Officer, who is assisted by the Deputy and Assistant County Medical Officers and by the Council's Inspectors of Midwives.

Notification of intention to practise and number of midwives in the County.—During 1930, notices of intention to practise, either temporarily or permanently, were received from 413 midwives, representing an increase of 24 as compared with 1929. As reported above, the County Council ceased to be the local supervising authority for the Borough of Ealing and the Urban Districts of Edmonton, Tottenham, and Willesden during the last three months of the year, and during this period, therefore, did not necessarily receive notice of intention to practise from midwives who had come to reside in those areas. In this connection, however, it must be remembered that in comparing the figures for 1929 and 1930 the total of 413 midwives may be taken to represent with a fair degree of accuracy the actual total number practising in the whole County. It is reasonable to anticipate that the practice of a midwife may at times extend beyond the boundaries of the relatively small areas now subject to the control of the newly-constituted local supervising authorities, and, of the midwives who commenced practice in these districts subsequently to October 1st, 1930, a number have notified the County Council as well as the local supervising authority of the area in which they reside.

The following table shows the number of midwives practising in each sanitary district in the County.

District.	Total Number of Midwives practising during 1930.	Removed from District during 1930.	Practising Temporarily during 1930.	Number in District end of 1930.
<i>Urban—</i>				
Acton (Borough)	12	—	2	10
Brentford and Chiswick	18	—	2	16
Ealing (Borough)	29	2†	3	24*
Edmonton	23	4	1	18*
Enfield	11	—	—	11
Feltham	6	—	1	5
Finchley	7	1	—	6
Friern Barnet	3	—	—	3
Hampton	3	—	—	3
Hampton Wick	1	—	—	1
Harrow	13	—	1	12
Hayes and Harlington	9	—	—	9
Hendon	24	—	4	20
Heston and Isleworth	25	3	1	21
Hornsey (Borough)	14	—	—	14
Kingsbury	3	—	—	3
Ruislip-Northwood	7	—	—	7
Southall-Norwood	5	—	—	5

* Numbers of midwives practising on 30th September, 1930. On 1st October, 1930, administration of the Midwives Acts, 1902–1926, was taken over from the County Council by the respective Councils of these four districts.

† 1 midwife died.

District.	Total Number of Midwives practising during 1930.	Removed from District during 1930.	Practising Temporarily during 1930.	Number in District end of 1930.
<i>Urban—continued.</i>				
Southgate	8	—	2	6
Staines	10	1	—	9
Sunbury	6	—	1	5
Teddington	5	1	—	4
Tottenham	19	—	—	19*
Twickenham (Borough)	15	2	2	11
Uxbridge	10	—	—	10
Wealdstone	4	—	—	4
Wembley	11	2	—	9
Willesden	26	2	—	24*
Wood Green	10	—	—	10
Yiewsley and West Drayton	5	—	1	4
<i>Rural—</i>				
Hendon	5	—	—	5
South Mimms	—	—	—	—
<i>Extra County</i>	66	—	16	50
Totals	413	18	37	358

* See note * on page 47.

From the foregoing table it will be observed that the number of midwives practising in the County, exclusive of those resident in Ealing, Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden, was 273 at the end of 1930. The corresponding figure for 1929 was 239, so that during the past year there has been an increase of 34 in the number of midwives practising in that part of the County for which the County Council is still the local supervising authority. This increase is remarkable and is an indication of the very rapid growth of the peripheral area of the County, for during the whole quinquennial period, 1926–1930 inclusive, the total increase in the numbers of midwives practising in these same districts was only 45. In contrast to this increase in the number of practising midwives, owing to the fall in the birth-rate there has been an actual decrease in the total number of births attended by midwives, and taking the County as a whole, the supply of midwives is adequate to meet present demands. The only district in the County in which as yet there is no midwife practising is that of South Mimms. Owing to its geographical position this district, hitherto, has not participated to any great extent in the progressive urbanisation which is overtaking the rest of the County, and the annual number of births taking place in South Mimms has not been sufficient to encourage a midwife to reside in the area. Proposals are on foot, however, which it is hoped will result in a certified midwife being available for South Mimms residents in the near future.

In addition to the 413 midwives who notified their intention to practise, a further 842 women, holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, were resident in the County in 1930. Forty-six of these were employed in Poor Law institutions and, therefore, were exempted from supervision under the Midwives Acts. The remaining 796 women were not engaged in the practice of midwifery, being employed in health visiting, private nursing or other duties.

The following table gives some particulars as to the numbers of certified midwives residing or practising in the County during each of the past five years.

Year.	Intention to Practise Notified.	Employed in Poor Law Institutions.	Not engaged in Midwifery Practice.	Total Certified Midwives.
1926	355	45	694	1,094
1927	379	46	627	1,052
1928	387	7	756	1,150
1929	389	66	791	1,246
1930	413	46	796	1,255

Qualifications of Midwives in Practice.—The following table shows the qualifications of practising midwives during each of the past five years :—

Year.	Passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board.	Hold Certificate of London Obstetrical Society.	Hold Hospital Certificates other than the L.O.S. Certificate.	Enrolled by Reason of having been in <i>bona fide</i> Practice previous to the Midwives Act, 1902, coming into operation.	Total.
1926	307	29	1	18	355
1927	330	31	1	17	379
1928	347	27	—	13	387
1929	358	20	—	11	389
1930	387	14	3	9	413

It will be observed that the number of certified midwives who have passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board has progressively increased, whilst the number who gained admission to the Roll without examination in virtue of having been in *bona-fide* practice prior to the Midwives Act coming into force naturally is a steadily decreasing one, and the number of such midwives in the County now amounts only to 2·18 per cent. of the total.

Uncertificated Women.—During 1930, the County Council instituted proceedings under the Midwives Acts against a woman for using the title of midwife, not being so certified under the Act, and also for attending a woman in childbirth otherwise than under the direction and personal supervision of a qualified medical practitioner. The summonses were heard in September, when the defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge, but not guilty on the second. The Bench, however, found the defendant guilty on the second charge also, and fined her £2 in respect of the first offence, and £5 in respect of the second, together with the sum of £2 2s. costs.

In five instances verbal cautions were administered by the Council's inspectors of midwives to women not certified under the Midwives Act, 1902, who were alleged to have acted as midwives. In none of these cases was the evidence sufficiently strong to warrant the institution of legal proceedings, but as far as possible the women concerned are being kept under close observation.

Number of Births attended by Midwives.—At the close of each year all midwives practising in the County are requested to furnish a return of the number of cases attended by them in Middlesex, either in the capacity of midwife, or as maternity nurse under the direction of a medical practitioner. The information thus obtained cannot be held to be absolutely complete, owing to deaths of midwives, removals from the County, &c., but the error thus introduced is small, and the figures obtained afford a satisfactory indication of the extent of the practice of midwives in the area. This year the usual returns have been obtained, but these relate only to the area of the County for which the County Council has been responsible for the administration of the Midwives Acts, viz., the whole administrative County for the first nine months, but with the exclusion of Ealing, Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden for the last three months. From these returns it is found that during 1930, certified midwives attended a total of 7,727 births. The total number of births registered in the same area of the County amounted to 22,697. Thus it will be seen that the births attended by midwives were equivalent to 34·0 per cent. of all births registered in the districts in which midwives were practising under the supervision of the County Council. This figure again shows a decrease as compared with that for 1929, which was 37·1 per cent. of registered births, whilst the corresponding figure for 1925 was as high as 47·2 per cent. The progressive fall in the percentage of births attended by midwives, at any rate in part, appears to be attributable to an increasing tendency on the part of women to seek admission for their confinements either to public institutions or to voluntary or municipal hospitals and maternity homes. Whilst the value of beds in such institutions for the reception of cases presenting features of difficulty, or where the environmental conditions are such as to render confinement at home undesirable, cannot be gainsaid, it is open to question whether the practice of seeking institutional accommodation for normal confinement, when home conditions are satisfactory, is desirable.

In addition to the above, certified midwives attended, in the capacity of maternity nurse, the confinements of 2,814 women, representing 12·4 per cent. of registered births; this is an increase on the proportion in 1929, which was 10·7 per cent.

The confinements of 378 women, equivalent to 4·9 per cent of all births attended by midwives, were attended by *bona-fide* midwives, a decrease of 22 on the figure for 1929. In addition, *bona-fide* midwives acted as maternity nurses in 39 (or 1·3 per cent.) of the 2,814 cases attended by doctors, 14 less than in the previous year.

Details as to the births attended by midwives in each sanitary district of the County are shown in the following table :—

BIRTHS ATTENDED BY MIDWIVES IN EACH SANITARY AREA IN THE COUNTY.

District.	Births attended by Midwives residing in each District, 1930.	Births at which Midwives acted as Nurses, 1930.
<i>Urban—</i>		
Acton (Borough)	217	144
Brentford and Chiswick	401	52
*Ealing (Borough)	310	282
*Edmonton	478	67
Enfield	440	50
Feltham	176	44
Finchley	82	65
Friern Barnet	145	54
Hampton	164	50
Hampton Wick	3	3
Harrow	180	140
Hayes and Harlington	372	136
Hendon	467	165
Heston and Isleworth	474	157
Hornsey (Borough)	335	212
Kingsbury	51	55
Ruislip-Northwood	62	56
Southall-Norwood	201	58
Southgate	121	52
Staines	191	61
Sunbury	81	17
Teddington	137	53
*Tottenham	815	32
Twickenham (Borough)	359	115
Uxbridge	201	143
Wealdstone	90	14
Wembley	134	183
*Willesden	384	75
Wood Green	219	139
Yiewsley and West Drayton	199	20
<i>Rural—</i>		
Hendon	65	91
South Mimms	—	—
Attended by midwives residing outside the County	173	29
TOTALS	7,727	2,814

* The figures relating to these districts are those for the nine months ending 30th September, 1930.

Notifications.—The number of notifications received from midwives, in accordance with the Rules of the Central Midwives Board, together with similar figures for the previous four years, are as follows :—

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Notifications of—</i>					
Sending for medical assistance ..	1,689	1,760	1,862	1,940	1,881
Still-birth	139	128	145	135	132
Death of infant	91	90	90	95	87
Death of mother	2	3	7	4	5
Laying out the dead	32	33	41	31	37
Artificial feeding	60	54	43	55	52
Liability to be a source of infection ..	101	126	116	91	109
Totals	2,114	2,194	2,304	2,351	2,303

It will be noted that there has been a slight fall in the total number of notifications received, no doubt consequent upon the reduction in the number of midwives now under the supervision of the County Council and the decrease in the number of births attended by them.

Notifications of Sending for Medical Assistance.—The following analysis shows the relative numbers of these notifications falling into various categories, for the past five years :—

Medical assistance required for conditions arising	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
During pregnancy	129	226	244	257	277
During labour	840	844	982	974	991
During lying-in	210	168	159	184	166
In infant	510	522	477	525	447
Totals	1,689	1,760	1,862	1,940	1,881

These figures call for little comment. Although there is a reduction in the total number of notifications received, the relative proportions remain much the same, but it is satisfactory to observe that the calling in of medical aid for ante-natal conditions continues to show a steady increase.

Maternal Deaths.—From the table on page 50 it will be seen that notifications have been received from midwives of the deaths of five women, who died while under their care. To this number must be added those cases which, originally attended by midwives, were later, owing to severe illness or complications, admitted to hospital and subsequently died there. Notification of these cases directly from midwives is not required and, consequently, they do not appear in the table. Careful enquiries are, however, made into all maternal deaths occurring in hospital and from these it was found that a further thirteen midwives' cases must be added to the five already notified, making a total of eighteen.

This figure represents a maternal death-rate for midwives' cases of 2·33 per 1,000 births attended, a marked rise on the rate for 1929 (1·56 per 1,000), but still comparing very favourably with the maternal death-rate for all births in the County, namely 4·15 per 1,000 births.

From enquiries made into each of the 18 deaths recorded above, it is found that the causes of death were as follows :—

Puerperal sepsis	7
Toxæmias of pregnancy—	
Eclampsia	1
Shock following—	
Hæmorrhage	2
Difficult labour (undelivered)	1
Prolonged labour and exhaustion aggravated by anaesthesia	2
	5
Complications of labour or puerperium—	
Transverse presentation (ruptured uterus)	1
Placenta prævia (undelivered)	1
Adherent placenta	1
Embolism	1
Pneumonia	1
	5

Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia.—Under the Public Health (Notification of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia) Regulations, 1926, notifications were received of 16 cases of puerperal fever and 41 cases of puerperal pyrexia, which had been attended in their confinements by certified midwives, representing 19·5 per cent. and 18·0 per cent. respectively of the total notifications received under the Regulations.

In the consideration of these figures, it must be borne in mind that whereas the term “ puerperal fever ” is the name for a definite morbid condition caused by infection of the genital tract, the term “ puerperal pyrexia ” is wider in its application and includes any rise of temperature exceeding 100·4°, which persists for more than 24 hours, or occurs more than once during that period, and carries no implication as to the actual cause of the rise in temperature, which may or may not be due to some form of puerperal sepsis.

Very careful enquiries have been made into all cases of high temperature occurring in the practices of certified midwives, and the information obtained indicates that the rise of temperature was probably attributable to puerperal sepsis in 20 of the 57 cases of puerperal fever or puerperal pyrexia notified under the Regulations. Relating this figure to the total number of births attended by midwives, it is found to represent an incidence rate of puerperal sepsis among midwives' cases of 2·6 per 1,000 births.

The following table records the yearly number of notifications of puerperal fever, &c., and of deaths from puerperal sepsis, both in the County generally and among midwives' case for the past ten years :—

PUERPERAL FEVER AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

Year.	Total Number of Registered Births.	Total Number of cases notified.		Total Number of deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.	Number of Births attended by midwives.	Cases notified in practices of midwives.		Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis amongst midwives' cases.
		Puerperal Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.			Puerperal Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	
1921..	25,191	80	—	34	11,300	18	—	5
1922..	23,775	57	—	35	10,884	17	—	6
1923..	23,172	67	—	36	10,246	16	—	6
1924..	21,993	55*	—	34	10,218	16*	—	5
1925..	21,533	62	—	25	10,164	18	—	5
1926..	21,703	63	74‡	30	8,869†	23	17‡	8
1927..	21,123	41	197	24	8,699†	9	46	5
1928..	22,665	63	177	42	8,596†	15	35	6
1929..	23,331	58	188	27	8,655†	14	40	—
1930..	24,840	82*	224*	55	7,727§	16§	41§	6§

* These figures relate to periods of 53 weeks.

† Middlesex cases only.

‡ From 1st October, 1926.

§ Middlesex cases, excluding those occurring during the last quarter of the year in the Borough of Ealing and the Urban Districts of Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Among the 447 notifications of sending for medical assistance for various conditions affecting newly-born infants are included 209 on account of inflammation of, or discharge from, babies' eyes. This is a decrease of 25 upon the corresponding figure for 1929. In 154 instances the practitioners consulted were of the opinion that the condition present was not ophthalmia neonatorum. In the remaining 55 cases, notifications of ophthalmia neonatorum were received.

Enquiries have been made into all cases of inflammation of, or discharge from, infants' eyes occurring in the practices of certified midwives, by officers either of the County Council or of the local sanitary authorities under the special arrangements made following upon the issue of the Public Health (Ophthalmia Neonatorum) Regulations, 1926. From these enquiries it has been learned that there was complete recovery without injury to vision in every case.

Visits of Inspection.—The number of visits made by the Council's inspectors of midwives during 1930 was as follows:—

Visits to midwives who had notified their intention to practise	..	..	..	..	844
„ midwives who had not notified	..	..	..	..	26
„ women not certified under the Midwives Act	..	..	..	..	8
„ patients' homes in connection with cases of ophthalmia, &c.	..	..	..	..	90
„ other persons in connection with investigations under the Midwives Acts	..	..	..	..	144
„ premises in connection with the registration of nursing homes	..	..	..	..	265
„ ante-natal clinics and welfare centres	..	..	..	..	25
„ scattered homes	..	..	..	..	102
Total	..	..	..	..	1,504

Action taken.—In consequence of complaints made by the husband of a patient who had died as a result of post-partum hæmorrhage, the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee in October had under consideration a report on the conduct of two midwives who were in attendance on the case. The Committee considered that a *prima facie* case of negligence had been established and decided to report the facts to the Central Midwives Board with a view to consideration by their Penal Cases Committee as to whether a case had been made out which required an answer from the midwives. The Board decided to cite the midwives to appear before them at a special meeting held on January 8th, 1931. At this meeting the charges alleged against the midwives were investigated, but after due consideration of all the evidence, the Board considered the charges to be not proved.

During the year, four certified midwives received verbal cautions from the Council's inspectors of midwives.

Post-Certificate Instruction of Midwives.—Progress in obstetrical knowledge and technique makes it desirable that midwives, actively engaged in the conduct of their profession, should have opportunity of undergoing, from time to time, post-certificate instruction, with a view to keeping abreast of modern developments. With this object in view, arrangements have been made whereby Middlesex midwives are able to avail themselves of the very comprehensive courses of post-certificate instruction, originally organized by the London County Council for the benefit of midwives practising in their area. A very small charge is made to each midwife who attends, and the two County Councils share the deficit of the cost of the courses on the basis of user. During 1930 two separate types of course were arranged. These comprised a series of lectures dealing with many aspects of obstetrical work and the care of the newly-born, which were held during the early part of the year, and a series of practical ante-natal and post-natal demonstrations conducted at various general or special hospitals during the latter months of the year. These courses have proved extremely popular with midwives and there is no doubt that they have been the means of satisfying a very general need. Below are set out details of the courses of lectures and demonstrations which have been arranged for 1931.

POST-CERTIFICATE LECTURES TO MIDWIVES ON GENERAL MIDWIFERY

Programme of Lectures, 1931.

Address.	Date.	Lecturer.	Subject of Lecture.
The Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand. St. Margaret's Hospital, Leighton Road, N.W.5.	Jan. 8 ...	Professor F. J. Browne, F.R.C.S. (University College Hospital).	The rôle of the midwife in the prevention of maternal mortality. No fee will be charged for this lecture.
	Jan. 27 ...	Miss D. M. Howard, L.M.S.S.A.	(a) Ophthalmia neonatorum. (b) Digestive disturbances in infants.
	Jan. 29 ...	Do.	Repetition of lecture of January 27. <i>Note.</i> —The wards of this hospital will be open on Jan. 26, 27, 29, 30, for midwives to see special cases in the wards at 5 p.m. No fee will be charged for these lectures or demonstrations.
City of London Maternity Hospital, 102, City Road, E.C.1. (<i>Note.</i> —Cases of interest in the wards will be shown after each lecture at this hospital.)	Jan. 16 ...	J. A. Willett, Esq., M.D.	... <i>Ante-partum hæmorrhage.</i> —Varieties, signs, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, midwife's action whilst awaiting medical aid. Difference between slight A.P.H. and the "show."
	Jan. 30 ...	Do.	... <i>Post-partum Hæmorrhage.</i> —Varieties, signs, symptoms and treatment, midwife's action whilst awaiting medical aid. Proper douche apparatus and its use.
	Feb. 13 ...	Do.	... Some causes of still-birth and neo-natal death.
	Feb. 27 ...	Sydney Owen, Esq., M.D.	... Injuries to the infant during birth. Demonstration in urine testing.
	Mar. 13 ...	Do.	... Care of the infant—infant feeding, rashes in infants.
East End Maternity Hospital, 396, Commercial Road, E.1. (<i>Note.</i> —Cases of interest in the wards will be shown after each lecture at this hospital.)	Mar. 27 ...	Miss E. E. Greaves (Matron of Hospital).	Practical hints in midwifery and the nursing of lying-in mothers, including the use of various apparatus.
	Jan. 12 ...	W. H. F. Oxley, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	The toxæmias of pregnancy, with practical demonstration of the examination of the urine.
	Jan. 26 ...	Do.	The detection of abnormalities during pregnancy.
	Feb. 9 ...	Do.	When and why to call the doctor during labour.
	Feb. 23 ...	Do.	The part of the midwife in prevention of sepsis.
General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E.1.	Mar. 9 ...	Miss M. Anderson (Matron of Hospital).	Practical hints in midwifery and the nursing of lying-in mothers.
	Mar. 23 ...	Do.	The use of various apparatus by the midwife. The use of antiseptics.
	Jan. 14 ...	H. G. Taylor, Esq., M.A., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S.	Ante-natal hygiene—its influence on labour and the puerperium.
	Jan. 21 ...	Do.	Placenta prævia and accidental hæmorrhage.
	Jan. 28 ...	Do.	The toxæmias of pregnancy.
The Mothers' Hospital, 153-163, Lower Clapton Road, E.5. (<i>Note.</i> —Cases of interest in the wards will be shown after each lecture at this hospital.)	Feb. 4 ...	Do.	Abnormal labour: its prevention, recognition and the midwife's part in its treatment.
	Jan. 13 ...	Lady Barrett, C.H., C.B.E., M.D., M.S.	The care of the pregnant woman.
	Jan. 27 ...	Miss Margaret Basden, M.D., F.R.C.S.	The after-effects on the mother of badly managed confinements. Demonstrations.
	Feb. 10 ...	Miss Ethel Hall, M.D., B.S.	Problems that may arise during labour.
	Feb. 24 ...	Do.	<i>Ante-partum hæmorrhage.</i> —Varieties, signs, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, midwife's action whilst awaiting medical aid. Difference between slight A.P.H. and the "show."
St. Alfege's Hospital, 48, Vanbrugh Hill, Greenwich, S.E.10 St. Giles' Hospital, Brunswick Square, Peckham Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.	Mar. 10 ...	Miss Alice Bloomfield, M.D., F.R.C.S.	<i>Puerperal sepsis.</i> —Varieties and the part which the midwife may take in preventing it.
	Mar. 24 ...	Do.	Care of the infant—infant feeding, rashes in infants.
	April 22	W. D. Wiggins, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	General diseases affecting labour and the puerperium.
	April 29	Do.	Obstructed labour.
	April 8 ...	E. W. G. Masterman, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.	Puerperal sepsis.
	April 15...	Do.	Hæmorrhage in pregnancy and labour.

Address.	Date.	Lecturer.	Subject of Lecture.
St. John's Home, Watson Street, Deptford, S.E.	Feb. 11 ...	H. Scott Edwards, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	The physiology of labour.
	Feb. 18 ...	Do.	Pressure effects and minor disturbances of pregnancy and their alleviation.
St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Marloes Road, Kensington, W.8. (Demonstrations of cases of interest in the hospital wards will be given at each lecture.)	Jan. 21 ...	A. Remington Hobbs, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	{ <i>Puerperal Sepsis</i> — Comprising what the disease really is, including— (a) Pathology and treatment ; (b) Symptoms and signs of morbidity during early years of a woman's life. (c) Signs and symptoms of diseases of sepsis and prevention during pregnancy. (d) Prevention of sepsis during labour and during the puerperium.
	Feb. 4 ...	Do.	
	Feb. 18 ...	Do.	
	Mar. 4 ...	Do.	
	Mar. 18 ...	Do.	
	April 1 ...	Do.	
St. Thomas's Hospital, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1.	Feb. 24 ...	A. J. Wrigley, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.	Diseases of the heart and lungs in association with pregnancy, labour and the puerperium.
	Mar. 3 ...	Do.	Certain infectious diseases in association with pregnancy, labour and the puerperium (<i>e.g.</i> , syphilis, gonorrhœa, influenza and scarlet fever).
	Mar. 10 ...	Do.	The use of drugs in midwifery ; their properties, action and dosage ; indications for their administration.
	Mar. 17 ...	Do.	Labour as a normal function ; its conduct ; aids to its attainment ; its prophylactic aspect.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Demonstrations to Midwives, 1931.

Course 1.—Conducted by Mr. F. Roques, F.R.C.S., at Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N.7.

Course 2.—Conducted by Mr. C. M. Gwillim, M.D., F.R.C.S., and Sister Doubleday, at 77, Southampton Street, Camberwell, S.E.5.

Course 3.—Conducted by Mr. A. Remington Hobbs, M.D., M.R.C.P., M.C.O.G., at St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Marloes Road, Kensington, W.8.

Course 4.—Conducted by Mr. C. M. Gwillim, M.D., F.R.C.S., at General Lying-in Hospital York Road, S.E.1.

Course 5.—Conducted by the honorary medical staff at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital Marylebone Road, N.W.1.

Course 6.—Conducted by Mr. C. D. Read, M.B., F.R.C.S., at Westminster Hospital, Broad Sanctuary, S.W.1.

Course 7.—Conducted by Mr. J. A. Willett, M.D., M.R.C.P., at City of London Maternity Hospital, 102, City Road, E.C.1.

Course 8.—Conducted by Mr. A. J. Wrigley, F.R.C.S., at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1.

Course 9.—Conducted by Mr. T. D. Marr, M.B., Ch.B., and Sister F. L. Turner, at St. John's Home, Watson Street, Deptford, S.E.8.

Course 10.—Conducted by Miss Margaret Basden, M.D., F.R.C.S., and Lady Barrett, C.H., C.B.E., M.D., M.S., at the Mothers' Hospital, 153-163, Lower Clapton Road, E.5.

Course 11.—Conducted by Mr. W. H. F. Oxley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Miss B. M. Page, at East End Maternity Hospital, 396, Commercial Road, E.1.

Payment of Fees to Medical Practitioners.—Under the Rules of the Central Midwives Board, a midwife is required to send for medical assistance in all cases of illness or abnormality in the course of pregnancy, labour, or lying-in, and the doctor sent for is entitled to the payment of a fee by the County Council, in accordance with a scale, and subject to certain conditions, laid down by the Ministry of Health. The County Council has power to recover from the patient or her husband, the amount so paid, or such proportion of it as the financial circumstances of the case justify.

In the case of inflammation of, or discharge from, infants' eyes, this right of recovery by the County Council has been waived, in accordance with the suggestion of the Ministry of Health, in order that there may be no temptation for midwives to delay calling in a doctor in cases of apparently trivial affection of the eyes.

The table on the next page furnishes details as to the cost to the County Council of this service during the past five years. It should be noted that while the financial particulars refer to the financial

years, the numbers of notifications and claims are those received during the corresponding calendar years.

FEES PAID TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE MIDWIVES ACT, 1918.

Year.	A.	B.	Percentage of B. to A.	C.			D.				
	Number of notifications of sending for Medical Aid.	Number of Claims for Fees received.		Total amount due to Doctors in respect of cases attended by them during <u>financial</u> year.			Income received from Patients in respect of Doctors' fees.				
					£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1925 ...	1,615	720	44·6	1925-26	885	10	0	1925-26	396	3	11
1926 ...	1,689	730	43·2	1926-27	832	19	0	1926-27	303	5	6
1927 ...	1,760	723	41·1	1927-28	937	1	6	1927-28	330	1	8
1928 ...	1,862	849	45·6	1928-29	1,066	15	6	1928-29	360	7	4
1929 ...	1,940	973	50·2	1929-30	1,314	11	6	1929-30	482	6	3
1930 ...	1,881	1,023	54·4	1930-31	1,188	11	6	1930-31	453	1	6

Compensation to Midwives.—Section 2 (i) of the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, 1926, states that where a midwife has been suspended from practice in order to prevent the spread of infection she shall, if she is not herself in default, be entitled to recover from the local supervising authority such amount by way of compensation for loss of practice as is reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

During the year, 16 claims for compensation were put forward by midwives who had been suspended from practice, either totally or partially, for varying periods in order to avoid spread of infection. The claims were considered by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and were deemed to be reasonable having regard to the circumstances of the cases. Sums, amounting in all to £60 11s. 6d., were paid by way of compensation.

NURSING HOMES.

Until October 1st, 1930, the County Council was the authority responsible for the administration of the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927, throughout the whole of the County. As recorded in an earlier section of this report the Minister of Health made an Order under which, as from October 1st, 1930, the Borough Council of Ealing, and the Urban District Councils of Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden became local supervising authorities under the Midwives Acts for their respective districts. In addition to homes reserved for maternity cases only, many nursing homes receiving other types of case accept maternity patients. At many homes also the proprietor, or one or more of her staff, holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. If the County Council had remained the authority responsible for the administration of the Nursing Homes Registration Act in the districts mentioned, the practice of certified midwives resident in nursing homes in these areas would have been subject to the supervision of two different authorities, a state of affairs which inevitably would have led to overlapping and confusion. Accordingly, the County Council delegated to the Borough of Ealing, and the Urban Districts of Edmonton, Tottenham and Willesden its powers in these districts under the Nursing Homes Registration Act, and the councils of the districts became the authorities responsible for the administration of the Act, as from the date upon which they became local supervising authorities under the Midwives Acts. On 30th September, 1930, there were, in these four districts, 38 registered nursing homes, while two applications for registration were under consideration.

The administration of the Nursing Homes Registration Act is delegated by the County Council to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Council, and the County Medical Officer, Deputy and Assistant County Medical Officers, and the two Inspectors of Midwives have been duly authorized to carry out inspections, &c., under the terms of the Act.

On the 1st January, 1930, there were registered with the County Council under the Act a total of 159 nursing homes. During the course of the year a further 33 applications for registration were received, and in each case the premises concerned were inspected by the County Medical Officer, or Assistant County Medical Officer, accompanied by one of the Council's Inspectors of Midwives. Information as to the action taken by the County Council is set out in the table on page 57, which also shows that at the close of 1930 there remained 132 nursing homes on the register of the County Council.

In accordance with section 6 of the Act, exemption from registration was granted in respect of 33 institutions not carried on for profit. Four of these were nursing homes belonging to charitable organisations, the remainder being general and local hospitals supported by voluntary contributions. The Ministry of Health exempted from registration four homes carried on in accordance with the principles of Christian Science.

The following table gives information regarding the registration of lying-in homes under the Middlesex (General Powers) Act from 1922 to June 30th, 1928, and of nursing homes under the Nursing Homes Registration Act from July 1st, 1928, until December 31st, 1930.

Year.	On Register at beginning of year.		Applica- tions received.	Applica- tions voluntarily withdrawn.	Registra- tions refused.	Registra- tions granted.	Applica- tions held over or postponed.	Removed from Register on account of death or removal, or voluntarily.	Registra- tion cancelled.	On Register at close of year.	
	Number of Homes.	Approved accommo- dation (beds).								Number.	Accommo- dation (beds).
1922 ..	—	—	106	4	4	98	—	4	Nil	94	293
1923 ..	94	293	25	4	—	21	—	9	Nil	106	339
1924 ..	106	339	31	4	4	22	1	18	Nil	110	359
1925 ..	110	359	27	3	2	18	5	10	Nil	118	366
1926 ..	118	366	19	2	6	13	3	12	1	118	365
1927 ..	118	365	33	3	—	29	4	21	1	125	391
1928 (1st half)	125	391	10	2	1	10	1	10	1	124*	388

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1928 (2nd half)	124†	388	56	1	1	49	6	18	2	153	863
1929 ..	153	863	41	5	1	27	14	21	—	159	911
1930 ..	159	911	33	5	4	31	7§	58‡	—	132	802

* On Register on 30th June, 1928.

† On Register on 1st July, 1928.

‡ Including 26 homes handed over to Ealing Borough Council.

2 " " Edmonton Urban District Council.

1 home " Tottenham " "

9 homes " Willesden " "

§ Including 2 applications handed over to Edmonton " " "

The following table shows the number of registered nursing homes in each sanitary district for which the County Council is the local authority for the administration of the Nursing Homes Registration Act.

The figures in brackets indicate the number of homes devoted either wholly or partly to the reception of maternity cases.

District.	Number of Nursing Homes on Register at end of 1930.		Approved accommoda- tion (beds) at end of 1930.
<i>Urban—</i>			
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	2	(2)	9
Brentford and Chiswick	6	(4)	35
Enfield	5	(4)	20
Feltham	2	(1)	10
Finchley	13	(9)	67
Friern Barnet	1	(1)	1
Hampton	2	(2)	11
Hampton Wick	—	—	—
Harrow	4	(4)	23
Hayes and Harlington	1	(1)	3
Hendon	15	(13)	82
Heston and Isleworth	5	(4)	17
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	23	(16)	201
Kingsbury	—	—	—
Ruislip-Northwood	4	(3)	9
Southall-Norwood	1	(1)	6
Southgate	5	(5)	39
Staines	2	(1)	23
Sunbury	2	—	11
Teddington	5	(3)	26
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	8	(7)	62
Uxbridge	3	(2)	33
Wealdstone	1	(1)	7
Wembley	10	(7)	31
Wood Green	2	(2)	7
Yiewsley and West Drayton	—	—	—
<i>Rural—</i>			
Hendon	10	(6)	69
South Mimms	—	—	—
Totals	132	(99)	802

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SCHEME.

The County Council is the authority for maternity and child welfare in 12 of the 32 sanitary districts which, at the close of 1930, made up the administrative County, namely, the Urban Districts of Feltham, Friern Barnet, Hampton Wick, Hayes and Harlington, Kingsbury, Ruislip-Northwood, Staines, Sunbury, Uxbridge and Yiewsley and West Drayton, and the Rural Districts of Hendon and South Mimms. In all of these districts the County Council is also the authority for elementary education.

The outstanding feature in the development of the County Council's maternity and child welfare scheme during the past five years has been the gratifying increase in the number of attendances made both by infants and by expectant mothers. In the case of infants the total number of attendances in a year has practically doubled during the period under review, while the number of expectant mothers coming for ante-natal treatment and advice has far more than doubled. The following table summarises in statistical form the growth of the maternity and child welfare services during the past five years.

ATTENDANCES AT WELFARE CENTRES—HOME VISITS BY HEALTH VISITORS.

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Welfare Centres—</i>					
Number of sessions held	1,417	1,482	1,549	1,634	2,207
<i>New cases attending—</i>					
Expectant mothers	270	303	388	614	670
Infants under 1 year of age	1,293	1,228	1,542	1,976	2,557
Children (1 to 5 years)	715	713	694	945	1,288
<i>Total attendances made—</i>					
Expectant mothers	1,432	1,699	1,876	2,190	2,862
Mothers attending with infants and children	31,799	34,007	41,186	46,317	60,005
Infants	20,280	20,811	27,104	31,661	41,223
Children (1 to 5 years)	22,714	25,346	28,369	28,974	35,233
Total attendances	76,225	81,863	98,535	109,142	146,045
Average attendance of infants and children each session	30·34	31·15	35·81	37·11	36·38
<i>Home visits made by Health Visitors—</i>					
Ante-natal visits	1,941	2,483	2,415	2,559	2,714
Visits to infants under 1 year	13,090	13,857	16,779	18,432	18,742
Visits to children (1 to 5 years)	17,655	19,501	21,184	19,921	20,508
Total home visits	32,686	35,841	40,378	40,912	41,964
Total number of visits to individual families	21,545	23,991	27,972	30,543	32,074

The tables on the following pages give particulars regarding the situation and times of sessions of the Council's ante-natal clinics and welfare centres, with the name of the medical officer in charge of each.

In order to cope with the large increase in the work devolving upon the County Council under their maternity and child welfare scheme, it has been necessary to open a considerable number of new welfare centres, which now number 36, as compared with 23 at the end of 1925. Eleven of these new centres were opened in the years previous to 1930, and details are given in the respective Annual Reports. During 1930, centres were opened at Stanwell and Harmondsworth. Owing to congestion caused by increased attendances it was found necessary to hold sessions twice weekly at Headstone and Kingsbury instead of once a week as previously. Sessions are now held thrice weekly at Hayes (Botwell), twice weekly at Hayes (Townfield Road), Headstone, Kingsbury, Uxbridge and Yiewsley, and once a week at the remaining centres.

Ante-natal examination of expectant mothers has always been included in the County Council's scheme, but latterly, the number of women seeking ante-natal advice has increased so greatly as to render the inauguration of special *ad hoc* ante-natal sessions desirable, and at the beginning of 1930 such sessions were being held once a month at Ashford, Feltham, Friern Barnet, Hayes (Townfield Road), Headstone, Staines, Sunbury, Uxbridge and Yiewsley. During the year arrangements were made for the holding of a monthly ante-natal session at Harlington, while the ante-natal attendances at Hayes (Townfield Road) increased to such an extent as to make it necessary to hold a second session each month at this centre.

COUNTY COUNCIL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Sanitary District.	Address of Centre.	Day and Time of Ante-Natal Session.	Medical Officer in Charge.	First Session held.
<i>Urban—</i>				
Feltham	The Hut, Council School	Last Monday in each month, 9.30 a.m. . .	Dr. Wilson ..	30th September, 1929.
Friern Barnet ..	Congregational Church Hall, Oakleigh Road, Whetstone	Last Friday in each month, 2.30 p.m.	Dr. Daniel ..	27th September, 1929.
Hayes and Harlington	Townfield Road Council School, Hayes. . .	Last Monday in each month, 9.30 a.m., and the Wednesday following the last Monday in each month, 9.30 a.m.	Dr. Shelley ..	30th September, 1929.
	Village Hall, Cherry Lane, Harlington. . .	Last Monday in each month, 9.30 a.m. . .	Dr. Campbell ..	24th November, 1930.
Staines	Wesleyan Church School Room, Clarendon Road, Ashford	Last Wednesday in each month, 9.30 a.m.	Dr. Wilson ..	25th September, 1929.
	The Hut, Kingston Road Council School, Staines	Last Thursday in each month, 9.30 a.m.	Dr. Campbell ..	26th September, 1929.
Sunbury	Congregational Church Hall, Rooksmead Road	Last Thursday in each month, 9.30 a.m.	Dr. Heddy ..	26th September, 1929.
Uxbridge	The Hut, Dunstons, High Street, Uxbridge ..	Second Wednesday in each month, 9.30 a.m. . .	Dr. Glyn-Jones. .	Transferred from Uxbridge Urban District Council on 1st April, 1928.
Yiewsley and West Drayton	Central Hall, Fairfield Road, Yiewsley ..	Last Tuesday in each month, 9.30 a.m. . .	Dr. Ruddy ..	24th September, 1929.
<i>Rural—</i>				
Hendon	Headstone, St. George's Church Hall ..	Last Tuesday in each month, 9.30 a.m.	Dr. Burn ..	31st December, 1929.

COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES.

Sanitary District.	Address of Welfare Centre.	Day of Meeting (2.30 p.m.).	Medical Officer in Charge.
<i>Urban—</i>			
Feltham	Feltham, The Hut, Council School ..	Tuesday ..	Dr. Wilson
	Bedfont—Public Hall, New Road ..	Monday ..	Dr. Wilson.
	Hanworth—Village Hall	Friday ..	Dr. Wilson.
Friern Barnet ..	Congregational Church Hall, Bellevue Road.	Wednesday ..	Dr. Poole.
	Freehold Social Institute, Hampden Road.	Friday ..	Dr. Poole.
	Congregational Church Hall, Oakleigh Road, Whetstone.	Tuesday ..	Dr. Daniel.
Hampton Wick ..	Baptist Mission, Upper Teddington Road.	Friday ..	Dr. Heddy
Hayes and Harlington	Queen's Hall, Hayes	{ Monday Thursday Friday }	Dr. Shelley.
	Townfield Road Council School, Hayes	{ Tuesday Wednesday }	Dr. Shelley.
	Harlington — Village Hall, Cherry Lane.	Tuesday ..	Dr. Campbell.
Kingsbury	Church Hall, Bacon Lane	{ Monday Wednesday }	Dr. Moir.
Ruislip-Northwood ..	Eastcote—Church Hall	Wednesday ..	Dr. Hignett.
	Northwood — Methodist Assembly Room, Hallowell Road.	Tuesday ..	Dr. Hignett.
	Ruislip—Conservative Sports Club, Sharps Lane.	Thursday ..	Dr. Hignett.
	South Ruislip, British Legion Hall, West End Road.	Monday ..	Dr. Glyn-Jones.
Staines	Staines, The Hut, Kingston Road Council School.	Wednesday ..	Dr. Campbell.
	Ashford — Wesleyan Church School Room, Clarendon Road.	Thursday ..	Dr. Wilson.
Sunbury	Stanwell, Women's Institute Hall ..	Monday ..	Dr. Campbell.
	Congregational Church Hall, Rooksmead Road.	Wednesday ..	Dr. Heddy.
	Ashford Common — The Pavilion, Spelthorne Sports Club.	Wednesday ..	Dr. Wilson.
	Upper Halliford, Church Hall ..	Thursday ..	Dr. Heddy.
	Shepperton Green—Council School ..	Monday ..	Dr. Heddy.
Uxbridge	Colham Green—Mission Room ..	Wednesday ..	Dr. Glyn-Jones.
	Harefield—Memorial Hall	Thursday ..	Dr. Norrington.
	Hayes End — Salem School, High Road.	Friday ..	Dr. Moir.
	Hillingdon West, St. Andrew's Hall ..	Thursday ..	Dr. Glyn-Jones.
	Ickenham, Village Hall	Tuesday ..	Dr. Norrington.
	Uxbridge, High Street	{ Tuesday Friday }	Dr. Glyn-Jones.
Yiewsley and West Drayton	Yiewsley, Central Hall, Fairfield Road	{ Tuesday Friday }	Dr. Ruddy.
	*Harmondsworth, Old School ..	Thursday ..	Dr. Campbell.
<i>Rural—</i>			
Hendon	Edgware — Congregational Church Hall.	Friday ..	Dr. Burn.
	Harrow Weald—Memorial Hall ..	Thursday ..	Dr. Burn.
	Headstone—St. George's Church Hall	{ Tuesday Wednesday }	Dr. Burn.
	Pinner—Free Church Lecture Hall, Payne's Lane.	Friday ..	Dr. Norrington.
South Mimms ..	Potters Bar—Village Hall	Wednesday ..	Dr. Daniel.
	South Mimms — St. Giles's Parish Room.	Thursday ..	Dr. Daniel.

* Opened on 24th April, 1930.

As pointed out in many previous reports, welfare centres are primarily designed to afford mothers adequate opportunities of obtaining reliable medical advice regarding their own health and that of their children. In certain cases the family circumstances are such as to make it impossible to carry out the advice given with regard to diet, &c., without assistance. To meet this difficulty milk, dried or fresh, and various proprietary articles, are provided at cost price or less, or even free of charge in cases of necessity.

The following table gives information as to the cost of this service during the *financial* year ended 31st March, 1931.

1930-31.	Amount. lbs.	Cost Price.	Contributed by Mothers.	Charge on Scheme.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dried milk	30,478	2,041 17 2	1,801 9 3	240 7 11
Virol or similar substance	5,119	288 1 11	266 13 9	21 8 2
Cod-liver oil, malt, &c.	1,479	252 16 0	191 11 2	61 4 10
Fresh milk	—	1,310 8 2	—	1,310 8 2
Totals ..		3,893 3 3	2,259 14 2	1,633 9 1

The net cost to the County Council shows an increase of £227 16s. 8d., on the net cost for the financial year 1929-30. Comparative figures for the past five years are as follows :—

—	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cost price of articles	2,291 18 5	2,194 11 7	2,707 6 10	3,329 19 10	3,893 3 3
Charge on scheme	1,311 4 3	1,246 1 9	1,415 12 5	1,405 12 5	1,633 9 1

Ophthalmic Treatment.—The services of the two school oculists, appointed by the Education Committee for the treatment of school children, also are available for the treatment of certain cases referred from welfare centres. Mothers, if able, are required to pay the cost price of any spectacles prescribed, together with a fee of 1s. for the examination and subsequent fitting of the glasses.

Dental Treatment.—Expectant and nursing mothers and children below school age in need of dental treatment on account of oral sepsis or dental caries are referred to one of the dental clinics established by the Middlesex Education Committee. Mothers are expected to pay for, or contribute towards the cost of any dental treatment which is provided, and the following scale of charges has been authorized :—

Children under the Age of Five Years.—

1s. 6d. for complete treatment.

Expectant and Nursing Mothers.—

Fillings, 2s. 6d. each tooth.

Extractions, 2s. 6d. each tooth (maximum charge, 15s.).

Scaling, 5s.

Taking impression and fitting dentures, 5s.

Dentures, cost price to Council.

During the financial year, 1930-31, the sum contributed towards the cost of dental treatment including the supply of dentures, was £239 1s. 2d., while the actual cost of the dentures only was £160 19s. 9d.

The following table gives particulars of the dental work which has been carried out during the year under the Council's Maternity and Child Welfare scheme :—

	Mothers.	Children under 5 years of age.
Number inspected	370	313
„ of attendances made	1,673	434
„ treated	213	238
„ extractions (gas)	1,459	174
„ „ (local anæsthetic)	990	367
„ other treatment (fillings, &c.)	1,807	470
„ dentures completed	188	—

The above figures are very considerably greater than the corresponding numbers for 1929. Whilst the increasing appreciation by mothers of the dental facilities provided by the Council, and the great growth in the numbers attending the centres are responsible in large part for this increase, it is also augmented by the addition of the dental work undertaken by the County Council on behalf of the Urban District Councils of Southall-Norwood, Southgate and Teddington which are autonomous maternity and child welfare authorities, whose districts are included within the elementary education area of the County. Reference was made to these agreements in last year's annual report, but the arrangements only came into force in Southgate in November, 1929, and in Southall-Norwood in April, 1930. The agreements with Southall-Norwood and Southgate provide for the treatment both of mothers and children under school age, but that with Teddington provides for the treatment of children only.

Treatment of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—The scheme of the County Council for the treatment of ophthalmia neonatorum, occurring in infants living in the maternity and child welfare area for which the County Council is responsible, provides for :—

- (1) The admission of infants suffering from the disease, accompanied by their mothers, to St. Margaret's Hospital (London County Council Special Hospitals Service).
- (2) The domiciliary nursing of cases.

During 1930, three infants were admitted to St. Margaret's Hospital, suffering from ophthalmia neonatorum, while five others were nursed in their own homes by the County Council's health visitors, all of whom have received special practical instruction in the nursing of cases of ophthalmia. All the above cases recovered without injury to vision.

Treatment of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia.—Following the issue of the Public Health (Notification of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia) Regulations, 1926, a scheme was prepared to provide specialist and hospital services in connection with the treatment of cases of puerperal fever or puerperal pyrexia occurring in the maternity and child welfare area of the County Council. The scheme contains the following provisions :—

- (1) The appointment of J. M. Wyatt, Esq., F.R.C.S., Obstetric Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, to act as Consultant Obstetric Physician on behalf of the County Council when a second opinion is required.
- (2) The bacteriological examination of specimens of lochia or blood at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.
- (3) The reception of cases of puerperal infection into the special department of the North-Western Hospital (London County Council Special Hospitals Service) under the care of Dr. Wyatt.
- (4) The provision of trained nurses for the home nursing of cases of puerperal sepsis.

Dr. Wyatt's advice was sought on 13 occasions during the year. In nine cases he visited the patients at their own homes, in consultation with the medical practitioners who had notified the cases. Twenty-one women were admitted, under the Council's arrangements with the London County Council, to wards reserved for the treatment of puerperal infection at the North-Western Hospital, under the care of Dr. Wyatt. Of these four died, and the remainder made good recoveries.

Provision of Midwives.—As a whole the County is adequately supplied with midwives, but there are some areas not so favourably situated in this respect as others. To meet the needs of the residents in the districts and neighbourhood of Ruislip-Northwood and of Yiewsley and West Drayton, it was found necessary some years ago to appoint two whole-time midwives, and these officers have continued to practise throughout the year. In the districts of Kingsbury and Stanwell local enterprise has resulted in the formation of nursing associations which employ trained nurse-midwives. In these

instances, however, the associations have difficulty in obtaining sufficient income from voluntary sources to meet their obligations, and, in view of the fact that they provide a much-needed midwifery service in their respective areas, the County Council contributed a grant of £25 to each during 1930.

Maternity Beds.—The County Council has very adequate provision for dealing with abnormal or difficult cases of confinement in its maternity area. In connection with its central ante-natal clinic there is an arrangement by which cases of difficulty, seen at the clinic and requiring admission to hospital, are referred to St. Thomas's Hospital and dealt with therein, the County Council paying for their maintenance at an agreed rate. With regard to cases of puerperal fever and puerperal pyrexia, mention of the Council's arrangements has been made on page 63 of this report. In addition to the above two classes, there remain the cases of women who have not attended the Council's ante-natal clinics, and only at the time of labour are found by the doctor called in to be such as to require the resources which are only available at a properly equipped hospital. The fact that the County Council since 1st April has been in control of the various hospitals previously belonging to the Guardians has greatly simplified the problem of dealing with this type of case. As will be seen on reference to the section of this report dealing with the Local Government Act, accommodation for maternity patients in the County Council's hospitals and institutions is available for all parts of the County, and although at present this is administered under the Acts for the Relief of the Poor, and, moreover, is too limited in amount to provide for all the women who would prefer to enter a hospital for their confinement, even though this is likely to be normal in character, yet provides ample facilities for dealing with cases of urgency and complication.

With regard to normal cases, the County Council has to rely on the accommodation in its hospitals, just referred to, and the need for extension of provision is fully appreciated.

Information as to the maternity work carried out in the County Council's hospitals and institutions is set out on page 43 of this report.

Central Consultative Ante-natal Clinic.—Monthly sessions of the Central Consultative Ante-natal Clinic have been held under the direction of Dr. J. S. Fairbairn at the Public Health Department, 10, Great George Street, Westminster, throughout the year 1930. During this period, thirty-eight women were referred to the clinic, and made a total of forty-six attendances.

The majority of the cases seen were referred from one or other of the County Council's local welfare centres, those sent up direct by private medical practitioners being in a considerable minority.

Ten women were seen on account of smallness of the pelvis, or a suspected disproportion between the maternal passages and the foetal parts, while in four others the foetus showed abnormality in its position relative to the maternal structures. In twelve of these cases it was decided that the women might safely be left at home for labour to take place by natural means, in one instance external version being performed at the clinic. Each of these mothers was safely delivered of a living child. One woman was admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital for confinement, and she also became the mother of a living infant. The remaining case has left the maternity and child welfare area of the County Council.

Nine cases of toxæmia of pregnancy were seen at the clinic, nearly double the corresponding figure for 1929. This type of case places great responsibility upon an obstetrician, since delay in instituting treatment, or error of judgment in deciding upon the necessity for obstetrical interference, may result in the death both of the mother and child. In six of the above cases the condition was not severe, and general treatment under medical supervision at the women's own homes resulted in the birth of a living child. Two cases of more grave prognosis were admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital for induction of premature labour. In both cases a living child was born, and the mother passed through a normal puerperium. One woman left the maternity and child welfare area of the County Council prior to the date of her confinement.

Three women attended the clinic on account of ante-natal hæmorrhage. In two cases this was considered to be due to threatened abortion. One woman was admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital for observation and after a short stay was discharged, as there was no recurrence of hæmorrhage. She was subsequently delivered of a living premature child, which, unfortunately, did not long survive birth. The other case was less severe, and measures for increased rest at home resulted in the absence of further hæmorrhage and the subsequent birth of a living child. The third case was considered to be one of possible placenta prævia, and, owing to the temporary closure of St. Thomas's Hospital wards, was admitted to Queen Charlotte's Hospital for confinement, where a living child was born.

Three cases of pregnancy complicated by heart disease were seen at the clinic. Two of these were admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital for their confinement, while the third has left the County Council's maternity and child welfare area.

Among the remaining cases, Dr. Fairbairn's advice was sought on account of pregnancy complicated by recent pneumonia, hernia and severe varicose veins, severe vaginismus, as to the advisability of establishing lactation after confinement, and on account of suspected death of the foetus in utero. With reference to the last-named, X-ray examination was carried out at St. Thomas's Hospital in order to assist in establishing the diagnosis, and arrangements were made for the

woman to be admitted for removal of the uterine contents, but a few days before she should have gone in, abortion took place at home and she was subsequently admitted to the Hillingdon Institution.

The foregoing summary of cases dealt with during the year clearly indicates that the Central Consultative Ante-natal Clinic continues to fulfil adequately the purpose for which it is designed. Practically the whole of the cases seen were of a nature requiring the considered opinion and advice of a skilled obstetric and gynaecological consultant and such a service provides a very important element in the County Council's maternity and child welfare scheme.

Investigation of Maternal Deaths.—Mention was made in last year's annual report of the fact that Dr. J. M. Wyatt had been appointed to act, on behalf of the County Council, as expert investigator of any maternal deaths occurring in the Council's maternity and child welfare area. During 1930 Dr. Wyatt made enquiries into thirteen cases. A detailed report was submitted to the County Medical Officer in each instance and transmitted to the Ministry of Health for consideration by the Special Maternal Mortality Committee appointed by the Minister in 1928.

CHILDREN ACT (PART I).

As from 1st April, 1930, the work of administration of Part I of the Children Act, 1908, which previously had been a function of the Boards of Guardians, devolved upon Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities. This part of the Act provides that a person, undertaking for reward the nursing and maintenance of one or more infants under the age of seven years apart from their parents, or having no parents, shall give notice in writing to the local authority within forty-eight hours of the reception of any such infant, and shall also give notice of the death or removal of any such infant. The local authority is empowered to appoint infant protection visitors to visit nurse children, and the premises in which they are kept, in order to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the foster-mother, the accommodation provided and the arrangements generally, and to give any necessary advice or directions as to the nursing and maintenance of the infants.

The local authority may fix the number of infants under the age of seven years which may be kept in any dwelling in respect of which a notice has been received, and any person keeping any infant in excess of this number is guilty of an offence under this part of the Act.

A justice or the local authority may order a visitor appointed under the Act to remove an infant to a place of safety if it is kept—

- (a) In any premises which are overcrowded, dangerous or insanitary ; or
- (b) By any person who, by reason of negligence, ignorance, inebriety, immorality, criminal conduct, or other similar cause, is unfit to have care of it ; or
- (c) By any person or in any premises in contravention of the provisions of Part I of the Act.

The County Council decided that, so far as its own maternity and child welfare area was concerned, the visitation of homes and foster parents should be carried out by the Council's staff of health visitors and school nurses who already were engaged on home visitation of mothers and infants in connection with the activities of the local welfare centres.

The late Guardians of Staines, Uxbridge, Barnet, Hendon and Kingston Unions furnished information regarding 102 children in the care of 82 foster parents. In addition to this number, during the year 76 notifications from foster parents relating to 142 children were received, whilst notices of removal of 78 children were received from 40 persons. Of these 78 children, 2 were legally adopted by the foster parents ; 1 attained the age of 7 years ; 1 died ; and 2 were removed to a place of safety (*i.e.*, a Poor Law Institution) by order of the Committee, owing to unsatisfactory conditions of the homes and the neglect or ignorance of the foster parents concerned.

On receipt of a notification that a foster-mother has accepted for reward the care of a nurse-child, a preliminary visit to the foster-parents and home is made by one of the Council's health visitors, who forwards a detailed report as to the suitability of the applicants and the environmental conditions of the home. This is submitted to the Committee for their guidance in coming to a decision as to whether or not permission to retain the child shall be granted, and to aid them in fixing the maximum number of nurse children, which may be received into any particular home.

Subsequently, periodic visits to the home are paid by the health visitor to ensure that the conditions remain satisfactory, and that the infants and children are being properly cared for.

Between April 1st and December 31st, 1930, health visitors and school nurses, in their capacity of infant life protection officers, paid 133 first visits and 452 subsequent visits to foster-parents.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS.

On the coming into operation of the Local Government Act, 1929, grants which previously had been paid by the Ministry of Health to voluntary associations providing maternity and child welfare services ceased. Section 101 of the Act imposed upon the councils of counties and county boroughs the duty of preparing schemes to secure the payment of future contributions by the councils concerned to such voluntary associations as operated within their areas.

The scheme prepared by the Middlesex County Council and approved by the Ministry of Health made provision for payment by the County Council in each of the three financial years, 1930–31, 1931–32 and 1932–33 of the following contributions to the associations named :—

Name of Association.	Amount of annual contribution.		
	£	s.	d.
Harrow, Wealdstone and District War Memorial Maternity Hostel, 10, College Road, Harrow.	118	0	3
Hornsey Deanery Association for Preventive and Rescue Work, " Beechwood," Eastern Road, Fortis Green, N.2.	254	6	2
Kingsbury District Nursing Association, " Eden," Mount Drive, Kingsbury	25	0	0
Maddison Memorial Hostel, Maddison Lodge, Osterley Road, Osterley. (Woman's Mission to Women.)	221	14	1
Mothercraft Training Society, Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, N.6	1,227	10	11
Mothers' Rest Home, 110, Erskine Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.W. 11	107	13	0
St. Helena's Convalescent Home for Mothers and Babies, Thorverton Road, Cricklewood, N.W.2.	340	18	5
Stanwell District Nursing Association, Clear View, Stanwell, near Staines..	25	0	0
Wright-Kingsford Home for Children, Granville Road, North Finchley, N.12. (Shaftesbury Society.)	974	17	2
	(for 1930–31)		
	999	12	2
	(for 1931–32 and 1932–33)		

Several conditions are attached to the payment of contributions by the County Council, as follows :—

- (i) That the Council are satisfied as to the efficiency of the maternity and child welfare services provided by the association, and that such services are being used by a reasonable number of those persons for whom the services are provided.
- (ii) That no reduction or alteration of such services is made without the consent of the Council
- (iii) That such services, and any premises in which those services are carried on, are open to inspection at all reasonable times by any officer of the Council, duly authorized by the Council, and by any officer of the Ministry of Health, appointed for that purpose by the Minister.
- (iv) That the association sends to the Council in each year a copy of the annual report of the association on the maternity and child welfare work of the previous year, together with a statement of the accounts of the association for that year relating to such work and a copy of the auditor's certificate thereon, and furnishes the Council from time to time with such other information relating to the maternity and child welfare services provided by the association and the expenditure thereon as the Council may reasonably require.

Prior to the first payment of contribution under the scheme, the premises of the several voluntary associations were visited by officers of the Public Health Department of the County Council, and detailed information obtained as to the precise nature of the maternity and child welfare services rendered.

Infectious Diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

SMALLPOX.—The prevalence of this disease in England and Wales has shown a tendency to diminution since the peak year of 1927. The fall would appear, however, to be due to the gradual growth of a comparatively immune population in those parts of the country (particularly Durham, certain areas of the midlands and South Wales) in which the disease had been for some years endemic. In south-east England, including London and the surrounding counties, which until recent years had been almost entirely free from invasion, the incidence of smallpox has continued to show a steady increase. During 1929, in London and the home counties over 3,000 cases were notified and this number was more than doubled in 1930.

The following table gives information regarding the incidence of smallpox and the migration of the disease to the London district since 1922 :—

Year.						In England and Wales.	In London and neighbourhood.*
						Cases.	Cases.
1922	..	..	..	..	..	973	78
1923	..	..	..	..	..	2,485	21
1924	..	..	..	..	..	3,765	32
1925	..	..	..	..	..	5,365	19
1926	..	..	..	..	..	10,146	9
1927	..	..	..	..	..	14,767	29
1928	..	..	..	..	..	12,420	517
1929	..	..	..	..	..	10,967	3,475
1930	..	..	..	..	..	11,491	6,954

* Including the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Essex, Kent, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and the County Boroughs of Croydon and East and West Ham.

From this table it will be observed that, whereas in 1927 the London district was practically free from smallpox, by 1930 the disease had assumed such proportions in southern England as to make the metropolitan area responsible for considerably over half the total number of cases of smallpox in the whole country.

During 1930, in Middlesex, 271 cases of smallpox were notified, and of this number 131 (or nearly one-half) occurred in the Urban District of Tottenham. The disease throughout has remained of the mild type with which physicians have become so familiar in recent years, and which by its benignity has made the population forgetful of the terrible scourge of Asiatic smallpox which has swept over the country in past years and heedless of the only true safeguard—vaccination.

With regard to the vaccinal condition of the 271 Middlesex cases which occurred in 1930, in 19 instances information as to vaccination either was absent or subject to so much doubt as to be valueless. Of the remaining 252 cases, 204 (81 per cent.) had never been vaccinated or had been vaccinated for the first time within a few days of the onset of disease and too late to counteract infection. Forty-seven (18·5 per cent.) cases occurred in persons over the age of 12 years who had been vaccinated in infancy and not revaccinated, and in only one instance was smallpox reported in a person who had been vaccinated and revaccinated, and in this instance revaccination had been performed 16 years before.

Smallpox was certified as the cause of death in four instances ; in two of these the victims were 70 years of age and in one smallpox was stated to be a contributory cause of death.

SCARLET FEVER.—Scarlet fever exhibited a somewhat undue prevalence in 1930. During the year 5,058 cases were notified, equivalent to a case-rate of 3·24 per 1,000 persons living, the highest incidence recorded since 1922. The disease showed a fairly uniform distribution throughout the County, no particular district being disproportionately affected. Thirty-two of the cases terminated fatally, yielding a case-mortality rate of 0·63 per cent. and a death-rate from scarlet fever of 0·02 per 1,000 persons living. The death-rate from scarlet fever recorded for London, the Great Towns and England and Wales was likewise 0·02 per 1,000.

A consideration of the characteristics of scarlet fever during the last fifty or sixty years reveals the fact that the disease has undergone a very profound change in severity. As recently as the latter part of the nineteenth century, scarlet fever was justly dreaded for the very severe illness which it caused and the heavy toll of life which it took. To quote an example :—in the year 1875 in the City of Liverpool the death rate from scarlet fever was no less than 3·75 per 1,000 persons living. Whether a high incidence of the disease in those times was in part responsible for the high mortality cannot be stated, as the disease was not then notifiable ; but from the clinical records of individual cases which are available and the testimony of medical practitioners who had experience of scarlet fever in the eighties, it is evident that the malignancy of the disease has become very much reduced. Cases of

toxic and septic scarlet fever now are clinical rarities, and the average patient with scarlet fever suffers little more than a temporary inconvenience.

Records relating to Middlesex show that from the beginning of the present century the disease has exhibited considerable fluctuations in incidence from year to year and has tended to show a maximum incidence at intervals of approximately seven years. The wave of periodicity, however, is not so apparent as in the case, for example, of measles. The lowest incidence (1·15 per 1,000) was recorded in the years 1917 and 1918, whilst the highest occurred in 1921 (6·45 per 1,000). As regards the case-mortality in Middlesex the progressively benign character of the disease is apparent from a consideration of the statistics relating to the present century, although by the year 1900 the phenomenal change in type of the disease referred to above was already an accomplished fact. During the first decade of this century the average case-mortality was 1·95, the lowest recorded being 1·30 in 1910. The statistics relating to the decennium 1921–30 are set out below and show that the case-mortality rate for that period averaged only 0·60 per cent., or one-third of that experienced in the period 1901–10 :—

Year.					Cases.	Deaths.	Case-rate per 1,000 living.	Death-rate per 1,000 living.	Case Mortality per cent.
1921	..	..	..	..	8,130	43	6·45	0·03	0·5
1922	..	..	..	..	5,134	55	4·06	0·04	1·1
1923	..	..	..	..	2,378	16	1·87	0·01	0·7
1924	..	..	..	..	2,321	16	1·80	0·01	0·7
1925	..	..	..	..	2,264	12	1·74	0·01	0·5
1926	..	..	..	..	2,584	10	1·95	0·01	0·4
1927	..	..	..	..	3,063	16	2·27	0·01	0·5
1928	..	..	..	..	4,146	18	2·93	0·01	0·4
1929	..	..	..	..	4,553	20	3·12	0·01	0·4
1930	..	..	..	..	5,058	32	3·24	0·02	0·6
Average for the 10 years					3,963	23·8	2·93	0·02	0·6

Detailed information as to the incidence of, and death-rate from scarlet fever during the year 1930 in each sanitary district in the County is given in the table on page 69.

DIPHTHERIA.—It is a well-recognised fact that diphtheria tends to become prevalent at the same time as an increased incidence of scarlet fever is experienced and, coincident with the prevalence of scarlet fever in 1930, the incidence of diphtheria was higher than in any year since 1922. The number of cases of diphtheria notified during 1930 was 3,412, equivalent to a case-rate of 2·19 per 1,000 persons living. The number of fatal cases was 151, or a case-mortality rate of 4·4 per cent. and a death-rate of 0·10 per 1,000 living. The corresponding death-rate for the whole country was 0·09 per 1,000 living, and for London and for the Great Towns 0·10 per 1,000 living.

The following table indicates the prevalence in the County of diphtheria in each of the last five years :—

Year.					Cases.	Deaths.	Case-rate per 1,000 living.	Death-rate per 1,000 living.	Case Mortality per cent.
1926	..	..	..	..	2,651	129	2·00	0·10	4·9
1927	..	..	..	..	2,205	82	1·63	0·06	3·7
1928	..	..	..	..	2,500	112	1·76	0·08	4·5
1929	..	..	..	..	2,857	142	1·96	0·10	5·0
1930	..	..	..	..	3,421	151	2·19	0·10	4·4

The table on page 69 affords information as to the prevalence of diphtheria and the resulting mortality in each sanitary district of the county.

ENTERIC FEVER.—During the year 117 cases of typhoid and paratyphoid fever were notified. Of this number, nine terminated fatally. These figures correspond to a case-rate of 0·07, a death-rate of 0·01 per 1,000 persons living and a case-mortality rate of 7·7 per cent. It is worthy of remark that nearly one-half of the total number of notified cases occurred in the second quarter of the year, *i.e.*, in the spring and early summer months, whereas it is unusual for the enteric group of diseases to exhibit any undue prevalence before the autumn. Twenty-two cases occurred in the Urban District of Hendon and the majority of these, it is stated, were of paratyphoid fever.

The following table gives statistical information regarding enteric fever in each sanitary district of the county.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT RATES, 1930.

Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever.

District.	Number of cases notified, with case-rate per 1,000 living. Number of deaths recorded, with death-rate per 1,000 living.											
	Scarlet Fever.				Diphtheria.				Enteric Fever.			
	Cases Notified.		Deaths Recorded.		Cases Notified.		Deaths Recorded.		Cases Notified.		Deaths Recorded.	
	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.	No.	Rate.
<i>Urban Districts—</i>												
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	216	3·17	1	0·01	103	1·51	9	0·13	3	0·04	—	—
Brentford and Chiswick	132	2·16	1	0·02	127	2·08	2	0·03	4	0·07	1	0·02
Ealing (<i>Borough</i>)	270	2·42	3	0·03	128	1·14	8	0·07	4	0·04	—	—
Edmonton ..	324	4·24	—	—	229	2·99	3	0·04	3	0·04	2	0·03
Enfield	270	4·04	6	0·09	237	3·55	4	0·06	11	0·16	1	0·01
Feltham	14	1·05	—	—	30	2·25	1	0·08	1	0·08	—	—
Finchley	214	3·75	—	—	99	1·74	3	0·05	5	0·09	—	—
Friern Barnet ..	72	3·21	—	—	51	2·27	1	0·04	3	0·13	—	—
Hampton	53	4·20	—	—	18	1·43	1	0·08	2	0·16	1	0·08
Hampton Wick ..	2	0·67	—	—	6	2·02	—	—	1	0·34	—	—
Harrow	66	2·55	—	—	12	0·46	—	—	1	0·04	—	—
Hayes and Harlington	73	3·60	1	0·05	34	1·68	3	0·15	3	0·15	1	0·05
Hendon	347	3·53	2	0·02	191	1·94	7	0·07	22	0·22	2	0·02
Heston and Isleworth	211	3·03	4	0·06	172	2·47	19	0·27	7	0·10	—	—
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	354	3·83	1	0·01	118	1·28	4	0·04	9	0·10	—	—
Kingsbury .. .	23	1·76	—	—	41	3·14	5	0·38	5	0·38	—	—
Ruislip-Northwood	27	1·87	2	0·14	17	1·18	—	—	1	0·07	—	—
Southall-Norwood	116	3·09	—	—	64	1·70	2	0·05	—	—	—	—
Southgate .. .	122	2·31	—	—	79	1·49	2	0·04	5	0·09	—	—
Staines	50	2·92	1	0·06	37	2·16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunbury	24	2·06	—	—	44	3·77	1	0·09	—	—	—	—
Teddington .. .	46	2·00	1	0·04	32	1·39	2	0·09	—	—	—	—
Tottenham .. .	578	3·67	1	0·01	550	3·49	33	0·21	6	0·04	—	—
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	175	4·57	—	—	134	3·50	8	0·21	2	0·05	—	—
Uxbridge	142	5·00	1	0·04	79	2·78	2	0·07	1	0·04	—	—
Wealdstone .. .	60	2·47	—	—	19	0·78	—	—	1	0·04	—	—
Wembley	120	2·80	2	0·05	52	1·22	3	0·07	3	0·07	—	—
Willesden .. .	518	2·88	3	0·02	491	2·73	19	0·11	10	0·06	1	0·01
Wood Green .. .	236	4·37	—	—	98	1·81	4	0·07	2	0·04	—	—
Yiewsley and West Drayton	23	2·00	—	—	35	3·04	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Rural Districts—</i>												
Hendon	131	3·15	1	0·02	70	1·69	4	0·10	2	0·05	—	—
South Mimms ..	23	4·51	1	0·20	4	0·78	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Staines	26	3·35	—	—	20	2·57	1	0·13	—	—	—	—
THE COUNTY ..	5,058	3·24	32	0·02	3,421	2·19	151	0·10	117	0·07	9	0·01

The above statistics (except the rates) were supplied by the Registrar-General.

* As the Rural District of Staines was abolished on 31st March, 1930, the statistics given relate only to the first three months of the year.

DYSENTERY.—Thirteen cases of dysentery were notified in the County during 1930, as compared with 40 cases in 1929, 6 cases in 1928 and 2 in 1927. Of the thirteen notifications, eleven related to the Urban District of Enfield where a limited outbreak of bacillary dysentery, due to organisms of the Flexner type, occurred in a home for destitute boys and was responsible for one death. The circumstances of the outbreak were investigated by a medical officer of the Ministry of Health and were the subject of a special report by the local Medical Officer of Health.

MEASLES.—This disease is not compulsorily notifiable throughout the county, so that it is not possible to put forward figures directly expressing the incidence of measles in any particular year. The mortality of the disease year by year, however, is an indirect indication of its incidence. Measles is a disease which, with considerable regularity, is prevalent every other year. Following an exceptionally low mortality (six deaths) in 1929, the number of deaths from measles in 1930 rose to 135.

The following table illustrates the biennial fluctuation in the number of deaths attributable to measles in the County during the past 10 years :—

Year.	Deaths.	Year.	Deaths.
1921	14	1926.. .. .	160
1922	130	1927.. .. .	4
1923	35	1928.. .. .	216
1924	191	1929.. .. .	6
1925	27	1930.. .. .	135

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—The number of notifications during 1930 was 136, or a case-rate of 5·48 per 1,000 births. The comparative figures for 1929 were 135 cases and a case rate of 5·79 per 1,000 births. The after-history of all the cases as regards the effect of the disease upon vision is not available ; but in so far as the 55 cases, which occurred in the practice of certified midwives, are concerned, it has been ascertained by enquiry that no injury to vision has resulted in any instance.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER.—Nineteen cases were notified during 1930. The number of notifications during each year since the disease became notifiable in September, 1912, has been as follows :—1913, 7 ; 1914, 8 ; 1915, 115 ; 1916, 53 ; 1917, 54, 1918, 19 ; 1919, 33 ; 1920, 23 ; 1921, 9 ; 1922, 15 ; 1923, 11 ; 1924, 12 ; 1925, 12 ; 1926, 2 ; 1927, 16 ; 1928, 22 ; 1929, 28 ; 1930, 19.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.—Twenty-five cases were notified and twenty-eight deaths from the disease were reported. With regard to the disproportion between these figures it is evident that in a number of instances there is failure to notify cases of encephalitis lethargica. In this connection it must be borne in mind that it is only in quite recent years that the disease has been recognisable as a separate clinical entity. The forms which the disease may assume and the difficulties of diagnosis are manifold and it is small wonder, therefore, that many of the slighter cases are missed and that some of the more severe cases are only recognised post-mortem.

Since this disease was made compulsorily notifiable on 1st January, 1919, the number of notifications has been as follows :—1919, 28 ; 1920, 44 ; 1921, 53 ; 1922, 30 ; 1923, 31 ; 1924, 162 ; 1925, 110 ; 1926, 89 ; 1927, 44 ; 1928, 35 ; 1929, 38 ; 1930, 25.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS.—Nineteen cases were notified, of which seven ended fatally. In previous years the notified cases were :—13 in 1929, 14 in 1928, 26 in 1927 and 45 in 1926.

ACUTE POLIOENCEPHALITIS.—Seven cases occurred, five of which were fatal : five cases were notified in the Urban District of Willesden, and of these four died. During the preceding five years the numbers of notifications were :—5 in 1929, 2 in 1928, 4 in 1927, 2 in 1926, 1 in 1925.

PNEUMONIA.—There were 1,571 cases of *acute primary pneumonia* notified in 1930. This figure represents a decrease of nearly a thousand cases as compared with the previous year, during the early months of which pneumonia had been particularly prevalent.

The number of deaths from *all forms of pneumonia* during 1930 was 902, corresponding to a death-rate of 0·58 per 1,000 living, compared with 1,278 deaths and a death-rate of 0·88 in 1929.

PUERPERAL FEVER AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA.—During the year, 82 cases of puerperal fever (3·3 per 1,000 births) and 224 cases of puerperal pyrexia (9·0 per 1,000 births) were notified. These figures indicate a pronounced increase in incidence of these conditions in comparison with the previous year, when the figures were :—puerperal fever notifications, 58 (2·5 per 1,000 births) ; puerperal pyrexia notifications, 188 (8·1 per 1,000 births).

The number of deaths from puerperal septic conditions during 1930 was 55, equivalent to a maternal mortality rate from sepsis alone of 2·21 per 1,000 births. This figure is distressingly high and is, in fact, the highest on record for the County of Middlesex.

On page 10 appears a diagram illustrating the number of maternal deaths which have occurred in the County as a result of sepsis and of other morbid conditions associated with pregnancy and child-birth since 1911.

ERYSIPELAS.—In last year's report attention was drawn to the fact that this condition is showing a tendency to increase, as evidenced by the number of notifications received. An indication also was given of the possibility of some relationship existing between this disease, scarlet fever and certain severe puerperal infections.

The number of cases of erysipelas notified in 1930 was 568. For the preceding years the figures were :—1929, 521 ; 1928, 525 ; 1927, 351 ; 1926, 395 ; 1924, 386 ; 1923, 326.

MALARIA.—Seven notifications of malaria were made, all of which related to cases believed to have been infected abroad.

CHOLERA, PLAGUE, RELAPSING FEVER, CONTINUED FEVER, TYPHUS AND ANTHRAX.—No cases of any of these diseases were notified during the year.

PUBLIC VACCINATION.

The provisions of Sec. 2 of the Local Government Act, 1929, transferred to the councils of counties and county boroughs functions previously discharged by Boards of Guardians in respect of vaccination. The law as regards vaccination is contained in the Vaccination Acts and the Orders made from time to time thereunder. These latter have recently been consolidated as the Vaccination Order, 1930. The Vaccination Acts require that every child shall be vaccinated before attaining the age of six months, unless, within four months of the date of birth the parent makes a statutory declaration that he conscientiously believes that the operation would be prejudicial to his child's health. Postponement of vaccination on grounds of delicacy of constitution or ill-health may be made on the certificate of a medical practitioner.

For purposes of administration of the Vaccination Acts the County of Middlesex is divided into twenty areas for each of which a vaccination officer is appointed. It is a matter of convenience that vaccination areas should coincide with registration areas, and in all instances this is the case in Middlesex. The duty of a vaccination officer, who is a clerical, not a medical, official is to account for every child born within his district as regards vaccinal condition. Vaccination is carried out free of charge by the public vaccinators, who are medical practitioners employed for this purpose by the County Council. The table on pages 72 and 73 gives particulars of the number of vaccinations performed by these officers at the public expense during the year 1930. It will be observed that 8,038 primary vaccinations were performed : during the year 24,840 infants were born. The ratio between these two figures does not, however, indicate the proportion of infants protected by vaccination, as no account has been taken of infants vaccinated privately, of premature deaths, insusceptibility, removals, &c.

The table on pages 74 and 75 has been compiled from annual returns of vaccination officers and relates to the year 1929, the figures for this year being the latest available. The results may be summarized as follows :—

Births registered during 1929	..	..	..	..	..	21,258
Infants successfully vaccinated	..	..	..	..	..	9,361
,, insusceptible to vaccination	..	..	..	..	..	118
,, who had had smallpox	..	..	..	..	..	—
Statutory declarations of conscientious objection	..	..	..	..	..	8,202
Infants died unvaccinated	..	..	..	..	..	907
Still postponed by medical certificates at close of year	..	..	..	..	..	285
Removals to other districts	..	..	..	..	..	647
Removals to places unknown, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	825
Otherwise unaccounted for	..	..	..	..	..	913

Thus of 21,258 children whose births were registered in Middlesex in 1929, 907 died prematurely, unvaccinated. Of the remainder, 9,479 (46·6 per cent.) were successfully vaccinated or were certified to be insusceptible to smallpox or vaccination. In respect of 8,202 infants (40·3 per cent.) statutory declarations of conscientious objections were made, whilst a further 2,670 infants were not vaccinated for various reasons (postponement on medical certificate, removals, &c.).

VACCINATIONS PERFORMED BY PUBLIC VACCINATORS DURING 1930.

Name of Poor Law Institution or Vaccination District.	Vaccinations.			Successful re-vaccinations.
	Under 1 Year.	1 Year and upwards.	Totals.	
<i>Northern Area—</i>				
Chase Farm Schools	2	1	3	—
Edmonton (North)	145	37	182	13
Edmonton (South)	111	12	123	16
Enfield (Cockfosters)	2	1	3	2
Enfield (Cooper's Lane)	—	—	—	—
Enfield Highway and Ponders End	112	17	129	31
Enfield House	—	—	—	—
Enfield Town	94	307	401	183
North Middlesex Hospital and Edmonton House ..	2	2	4	13
Tottenham (High Cross)	82	88	170	89
Tottenham (Lower)	145	62	207	56
Tottenham (West Green)	193	281	474	295
<i>North-Eastern Area—</i>				
Finchley (North)	31	12	43	22
Finchley (South)	24	16	40	14
Friern Barnet	34	21	55	27
Highgate	71	12	83	20
Hornsey (Harringay)	197	42	239	36
Southgate	127	21	148	5
South Mimms	18	3	21	3
Winchmore Hill	34	7	41	1
Wood Green	153	27	180	24
<i>Central Area—</i>				
Burnt Oak and Watling Estate	186	65	251	57
Children's Home, Edgware	—	10	10	—
Child's Hill	37	9	46	28
Edgware, Little Stanmore and Lower Hale ..	27	7	34	14
Erskine Hill Residential School (L.C.C.)	—	—	—	—
Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb ..	40	7	47	2
Great Stanmore and Harrow Weald	29	4	33	6
Harrow-on-the-Hill	60	5	65	8
Hendon (Central) and Hendon (West) (part) ..	125	94	219	199
Kingsbury	50	31	81	106
Mill Hill (part)	57	4	61	57
Pinner	50	2	52	10
Redhill Hospital	207	33	240	49
Redhill Institution	4	—	4	—
Wealdstone	67	45	112	8
Wembley	108	24	132	13
<i>Willesden Area—</i>				
Harlesden	330	97	427	313
Kilburn	519	81	600	202
Park Royal Hospital	2	1	3	—
<i>Western Area—</i>				
Acton	225	46	271	72
Cowley and Hillingdon	167	4	171	3
Ealing (part) and West Twyford	91	9	100	14
Hanwell and Ealing (part), Greenford and Perivale	167	13	180	7
Hanwell Residential School (L.C.C.)	—	88	88	—
Harefield	43	1	44	—
Hayes	119	18	137	—
Hillingdon Institution	35	20	55	251
Northolt	41	—	41	—

Name of Poor Law Institution or Vaccination District.	Vaccinations.			Successful re-vaccinations.
	Under 1 Year.	1 Year and upwards.	Totals.	
<i>Western Area</i> —continued.				
Norwood	207	24	231	9
Ruislip	86	2	88	12
Uxbridge and Ickenham	17	1	18	2
Yiewsley and West Drayton.. .. .	28	1	29	—
<i>Southern Area</i> —				
Ashford	91	1	92	4
Ashford Residential School (L.C.C.).. .. .	—	10	10	—
Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth	111	6	117	1
Brentford and Brentford End	98	8	106	11
Chiswick	200	21	221	18
Cranford, Harlington and Harmondsworth (Sipson and Heathrow).	33	—	33	—
Hampton	54	—	54	6
Hampton Hill (S. James)	21	1	22	3
Hampton Wick	9	—	9	—
Harmondsworth (Longford) and Stanwell	33	—	33	1
Heston, Isleworth (part)	179	11	190	15
Isleworth (part)	139	4	143	14
Laleham and Staines	29	8	37	3
Shepperton and Littleton	25	—	25	6
Staines Institution	—	—	—	—
Sunbury	68	14	82	3
Teddington	162	12	174	13
Twickenham	251	8	259	6
West Middlesex Hospital	14	1	15	2
Totals	6,218	1,820	8,038	2,398

RETURN OF VACCINATION OFFICERS RELATING TO BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1929.

Registration Sub-Districts comprised in the Vaccination Officer's District.	Name of Vaccination Officer.	Number of Births registered from 1st January to 31st December, 1929.	Number of these Births duly entered by 31st January, 1931, in Vaccination Register, viz. :—				Number of these Births which, on 31st January, 1931, remained unentered in the Vaccination Register on account of—			Number of these Births remaining on 31st January, 1931, neither duly entered in the Vaccination Register nor temporarily accounted for in the Report Book.	Total number of Certificates of successful Primary Vaccination of children under 14 received during the calendar year 1930.	Number of Statutory Declarations of conscientious objection actually received by the Vaccination Officer during the calendar year 1930.	
			Success- fully Vaccinated.	In- susceptible to Vaccina- tion.	Had Small Pox.	Number in respect of whom Statutory Declara- tions of con- scientious objection have been received.	Died un- vaccinated.	Post- ponement by Medical Certificate.	Removals to other Districts.				Removal to places unknown or which cannot be reached, and cases not having been found.
<i>Northern Area—</i>													
Edmonton ...	T. E. David	2,121	534	3	—	1,086	122	43	160	62	111	1,124	
Enfield ...	R. W. Perring	888	277	4	—	411	41	—	7	31	117	387	
Tottenham, East ...	H. J. Roynon	1,185	307	4	—	592	64	9	6	21	182	963	
Tottenham, West ...	H. J. Roynon	755	196	1	—	410	33	7	8	25	75		
<i>North-Eastern Area—</i>													
Finchley ...	S. M. Baldock	774	317	6	—	369	35	—	—	47	—	834*	
South Mimms ...	S. M. Baldock	171	70	—	—	86	9	—	—	6	—		
Hornsey ...	G. E. Dew	1,007	587	11	—	311	36	2	20	15	25	304	
Southgate ...	T. E. David	413	214	4	—	148	12	6	5	11	13	158	
Wood Green ...	R. W. Perring	588	226	2	—	255	22	—	18	19	46	249	
<i>Central Area—</i>													
Harrow ...	F. Moore	1,506	641	13	—	774	55	1	8	14	—	563	
Hendon ...	A. E. Taylor	1,441	786	10	—	320	45	20	89	141	30	316	
Edgware ...	Miss A. L. Coomber	262	121	1	—	78	10	8	4	4	36	98	
<i>Willesden Area—</i>													
Kilburn ...	W. McAuliffe	1,148	634	9	—	324	37	29	7	59	49	699	
Harlesden ...	W. McAuliffe	1,194	590	4	—	393	72	19	15	73	28		
<i>Western Area—</i>													
Acton ...	G. F. K. Stidworthy	806	391	7	—	253	46	21	23	35	30	318	
Ealing ...	J. C. Baines	1,266	615	4	—	424	43	5	97	71	7	417	
Hayes ...	E. J. Burridge	738	309	—	—	297	35	10	15	26	46	397	
Uxbridge ...	A. Finch	861	541	2	—	261	41	—	5	11	—	223	
Hanwell ...	Mrs. J. Clough	469	216	—	—	223	15	10	—	5	—	236	

ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1929, provides that the council of a county shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of the Act, make a survey of the hospital accommodation for the treatment of infectious diseases provided by the council and by the councils of any district wholly or partly within the county. Upon the completion of the survey it is the duty of the county council to prepare, in consultation with the councils of all such districts, a scheme for the provision of adequate hospital accommodation for the treatment of infectious disease in the county. This scheme has to be submitted to the Minister of Health for his approval, and subsection 3 of Section 63 of the Act sets out three provisions which may be included in the scheme. The subsection is as follows :—

“ The scheme may provide—

- “ (a) for the arrangements under which and the terms upon which accommodation in any existing hospital belonging to the council of a district shall be made available for the use of the inhabitants of the county other than those resident in the district ;
- “ (b) for the provision by the county council or by the council of any district of new accommodation for the treatment of infectious disease ;
- “ (c) for embodying arrangements made between the county council or the council of any district and the council of any adjoining county borough for the reception of persons residing in the county borough into hospitals provided by the county council or district council, and for the reception of persons residing within the county into hospitals provided by the council of the county borough.”

The Act provides that the Minister, after considering any representations submitted by any council affected, may approve the scheme with or without modifications.

If a county council fail to submit a scheme within six months after being required by the Minister so to do, the Minister, after consulting the county and district councils, may himself make a scheme which shall have effect as if originally drawn up by the county council. Lastly, in the event of a district council failing to provide accommodation in accordance with a scheme approved by the Minister, or otherwise failing to discharge their functions under the scheme, the Minister, after giving the council of the district and the county council an opportunity of being heard, may, if he thinks fit, by order transfer to the county council the functions of the district council under the scheme, and the order may make suitable provision with regard to the transfer, superannuation and compensation of officers affected.

It will be seen that whilst the Local Government Act, 1929, does not suggest the transference to the county council of the existing functions of district councils in respect of the hospital treatment of infectious diseases, it does in fact place a very heavy responsibility upon the county council in that it makes the latter responsible for ensuring that the whole of the county is adequately provided with isolation facilities, and to effect this, if it be considered necessary, authorizes the actual provision of new hospital accommodation by the county council.

In this County adequate provision for the isolation of smallpox has already been made by the County Council (see page 109). Accordingly, it is not necessary for arrangements with regard to smallpox hospital accommodation to be included in the scheme made under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1929.

In a memorandum issued by the Ministry of Health it was suggested that the first step the County Council should make in undertaking its survey should be to call upon all district councils, joint hospital boards, &c., to furnish returns in relation to their hospitals, and a suggested questionnaire formed part of the Memorandum. This action has been taken by the County Council, and the information received from authorities having isolation hospital accommodation in the County is set out on pages 76–108. All the hospitals also have been inspected during 1930, either by the County Medical Officer or the Assistant County Medical Officer, and from the information so obtained, together with the particulars submitted by the respective hospital authorities, the summary appearing on page 77 has been prepared. At the close of 1930 the County Council had not yet entered upon the consideration of the returns received from the several local authorities.

There are 15 isolation hospitals in the County providing a total of 932 beds (based upon the standard of measurement approved by the Ministry of Health, *i.e.*, 144 square feet floor space per bed). The estimated population served by these beds is 1,314,208, but this includes 36,370 residents in Surrey who jointly use the Mogden Hospital. On the other hand, four districts in Middlesex, with a total population of 184,812, utilise beds in other Counties and the tenure of some of these beds, it is understood, is uncertain.

District.	Population (Total). (Estimated Mid-Year, 1929.)	Hospital.	Beds. (Actual.)	Beds. (Ministry of Health basis.)	Beds required (1 per 1,000 population.)	Remarks.
1. Edmonton	75,000	Edmonton and Enfield Joint ..	160	160	141	
Enfield	65,100					
2. Southgate	49,630	Southgate	56	42	72	12 beds reserved for Friern Barnet.
Friern Barnet	21,470					
3. Hornsey	88,450	Hornsey, Finchley and Wood Green Joint	150	102	197	
Finchley	54,830					
Wood Green	53,410					
4. Hendon Urban	83,540	Hendon U.D.	60*	60	84	* Add West Block of 26 beds in course of construction.
5. Hendon Rural	32,400	Hendon R.D.	17	17	33	
6. Harrow-on-the-Hill	24,550	Harrow-on-the-Hill	56	25	46	
Wealdstone	20,830					
7. Willesden	172,500	Willesden Municipal Hospital ..	149†	132	173	† 20 more in immediate future (isola- tion cubicles).
8. Brentford and Chiswick	59,040	Chiswick and Ealing	121	96	164	
Ealing	104,000					
9. Acton	65,200	Acton	95	78	110	Wembley and Kingsbury cases re- ceived under agreement.
Wembley	35,530					
Kingsbury	8,349					
10. Southall-Norwood	35,370	Southall-Norwood	{ Perm. 32 Temp. 20	26	36	
11. Twickenham	36,070	Twickenham Borough		18	37	
12. Heston and Isleworth	63,070	Mogden Joint		32	100	
(Richmond)	36,370		52	48		
13. Hampton	12,300	Hampton	20	14	13	
14. Uxbridge	28,200					
Yiewsley and West Drayton	11,325	Uxbridge Joint	51	46	72	
Ruislip-Northwood	14,120					
Hayes and Harlington	17,951					
15. Staines	18,748	Staines Joint	36‡	36	46	‡ 3 isolation cubicles, 3 scarlet fever beds, to be added in near future.
Feltham	13,871					
Sunbury	12,984					
TOTALS (including Richmond) ..	1,314,208	—	1,109	932	1,324	

ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Districts having no arrangements within the County for the isolation of infectious diseases.

District.	Population (Total). (Estimated Mid-Year, 1929.)	Beds required (at 1 per 1,000 population).	Hospital at present taking Cases.	Remarks.
Tottenham ..	155,000	155	L.C.C. Fever Hospitals ..	A few also go to South- gate Isolation Hospital.
South Mimms ..	4,470	5	Barnet Isolation Hospital	
Teddington ..	22,350	23	Tolworth or Molesey Isola- tion Hospital	
Hampton Wick	2,992	3	Tolworth Isolation Hospital	
Totals ..	184,812	186		

DETAILED PARTICULARS AS TO EACH ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN MIDDLESEX.

Name of Authority : ENFIELD AND EDMONTON JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

Name of Hospital : ENFIELD AND EDMONTON ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	World's End, Winchmore Hill, N.21.
Site. Area in acres	27a. 1r. 19p.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Uncertain, but probable.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Oak fencing, 7 feet high, and hedges.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public—Metropolitan Water Board.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Septic tanks and filter beds.
Heating, Means of	Fires, radiators, gas, electricity.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric.
Number of separate buildings	32.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick and slate (2 timber and corrugated iron ; 3 timber and corrugated iron garden sheds ; 1 greenhouse.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	9 (1 used as Nurses' Lecture Room).
Total number of wards	14 (Also 8 side-wards for 1 and a cubicle block for 12 patients).
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed	160.
Any discharge block ?	Yes, but not used as such.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria and enteric fever.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 45 ; (b) 26.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes, power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type	Yes, Equifex and Thresh.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes, motor (2).
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for outdoor staff ?	Yes.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	Yes.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
No. 1	2	1	ft. in. 18 0	ft. in 14 0	} ft. in. 13 0
		2	14 0	14 0	
,, 2	4	1	75 0	30 0	} 13 0
		2	75 0	30 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
		4	15 0	15 0	
,, 3	4	1	75 0	30 0	} 13 0
		2	75 0	30 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
		4	15 0	15 0	
,, 4	4	1	70 0	30 0	} 13 0
		2	70 0	30 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
		4	15 0	15 0	
,, 5	2	1	40 0	20 0	} 10 6 (at eaves)
		2	40 0	20 0	
,, 6	3	1	30 0	20 0	} 10 2 (at eaves)
		2	30 0	20 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
,, 7	3	1	70 0	30 0	} 13 0
		2	70 0	30 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
,, 8	4	1	40 0	30 0	} 13 0
		2	40 0	30 0	
		3	15 0	15 0	
		4	15 0	15 0	
,, 9	12	1 to 12	12 0 each cubicle	12 0 each cubicle	13 0 each cubicle

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital.

Name of District.*	Population of District.
Enfield	74,123
Edmonton	85,945

* When there is room, patients from several adjoining districts are admitted.

Name of Authority : SOUTHGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : SOUTHGATE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Tottenham Road, Palmers Green, N.13.
Site. Area in acres	9.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Possibly by acquiring sports ground adjoining. (A footpath at present separates it from hospital site.)
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Close-boarded, 6 ft.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public—Metropolitan Water Board.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Water carriage to main sewer.
Heating, Means of	Cubical wards centrally heated by hot water pipes ; other wards by coal-burning stoves.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric.
Number of separate buildings	7.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick—slate roofs.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	All buildings more than 40 ft. from each other and from boundary fence, except lodge and laundry.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4.
Total number of wards	8, and 8 cubicle wards.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	34, and 8 cubicle wards of 120 sq. ft. each.
Any discharge block ?	No.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, cerebro-spinal fever, erysipelas and puerperal fever.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	The Public Health Committee of the Council consider that the administrative accommodation is adequate.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 12 ; (b) 9.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes, as soon as electric cooker is installed, which is now being done.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Hand at present, but power being installed.
Is it adequate ?	Yes, when power installed.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes—Thresh steam disinfecter.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes—Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1	2	1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
		2	36	0	26	0	13	0
,, 2	2	1	36	0	26	0	13	0
		2	26	0	24	0	13	0
,, 3	4	1	24	0	18	0	13	0
		2	24	0	18	0	13	0
		3	24	0	18	0	13	0
		4	24	0	18	0	13	0
,, 4	8 cubicle wards		12	0	10	0	10	0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
	Estimated at middle of 1929—
Southgate	49,630
Friern Barnet (12 beds reserved by agreement)	19,400
Tottenham (when beds available, which is usually the case)	168,058

Remarks.

Re Tottenham patients :—

- 72 were admitted during 1928.
- 65 were admitted during 1929.
- 66 were admitted during 1930 up to October 22nd.

The hospital site is a very good one and favourably situated on a sloping ground facing north-west—free from obstruction and swept by the prevailing winds.

Name of Authority : HORNSEY, FINCHLEY AND WOOD GREEN JOINT ISOLATION COMMITTEE.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill, N.10.
Site. Area in acres	9½.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Probably.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes, completely.
State nature and height of fencing	Iron railings 5 ft. 6 in., with shrubbery, and 6 ft. oak fence beyond.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public Supply—Metropolitan Water Board.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Adequate.
Sewage Disposal , Means of	Town Council's drainage system.
Heating , Means of	Central heating—partly decentralized.
Lighting (artificial), Means of ?	Electric light.
Number of separate buildings	11.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	All buildings more than 40 ft. from each other and boundary fence.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	6 ward blocks.
Total number of wards	14 wards and 20 cubicles (cruciform block).
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed	144 sq. ft. for all beds and cots is excessive. Authorized accommodation—103 beds.
Any discharge block ?	No discharge block but discharge rooms in cubicle block.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, and certain other if accommodation available at time.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Adequate.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	40 nurses and 33 maids.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Adequate.
Are telephones installed ?	Internal system and Post Office (2 lines).
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Power laundry.
Is it adequate ?	Adequate.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type	Manlove Alliott—Oval type steam disinfecter.
Is an ambulance kept at the Hospital ? Motor or horse ?	No ambulance—cases moved by arrangement with L.C.C.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for outdoor staff ?	No—foreman housed in cottage adjoining.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ..	Yes.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
			ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
“ A ”	4	1	36	0	18	0	13	0
		2	36	0	18	0	13	0
		3	24	0	18	0	13	0
		4	24	0	18	0	13	0
“ B ”	2	1	58	9	18	0	13	0
		2	55	3	18	0	13	0
“ C ”	2	1	48	0	26	0	13	4
		2	48	0	26	0	13	4
“ D ”	2	1	24	0	18	0	13	0
		2	24	0	18	0	13	0
“ E ”	4	1	13	0	12	0	13	0
		2	13	0	12	0	13	0
		3	87	0	26	0	13	0
		4	65	0	26	0	13	0
Cruciform	20		12	0	10	0	10	0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.	
	Local Estimate.	Registrar-General, Mid. 1929.
Hornsey	90,500	88,450
Finchley	58,000	54,830
Wood Green	56,395	53,410

Name of Authority : HENDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : ISOLATION HOSPITAL, THE HYDE.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Goldsmith Avenue, Hendon, N.W.9.
Site. Area in acres	10.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Probably by appropriating land now used for allotments and open spaces.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Oak fencing, height 6 ft. 4 in.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Colne Valley Water Company.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	To district sewer.
Heating, Means of	1 boiler for Administration Block, Observation Ward and Laundry ; 2 further boilers provide for 3 Ward Pavilions.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electrical ; gas emergency points.
Number of separate buildings	9 (including lodge and 2 cottages) plus 1.*
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes, except lodge and cottages, which are 25 ft. from fence.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4 plus 1.*
Total number of wards	6 wards, each with a single bed ward ; 8 cubicles in Observation Ward, plus 2 with side wards in course of construction.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed	60 (in cubicles only 120 sq. ft. allowed ; single bed wards 132 sq. ft.), plus 26 in course of construction.
Any discharge block ?	No.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, epidemic cerebro-spinal fever, etc., measles and whooping cough when beds are available.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes. Adequate extension in course of construction.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 20 ; (b) 15 ; excluding Matron and Resident Medical Officer. [In course of construction : (a) 8 ; (b) 4.]
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes, Post Office to all wards, also internal automatic telephones.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type	Yes, Thresh, low pressure, also fumigating room.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Motor ambulance and disinfecting van.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes, lodge of the Resident Engineer with Porter's Room.
Are there cottages at the hospital for outdoor staff ?	2 immediately adjoining, though not on site (connected by internal telephone and fire alarm).
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	Yes.

* In course of construction.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
			ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
No. 1	2, and 2 side wards (single bed)	1	48 0	24 0	13 0
		2	60 0	24 0	13 0
		3	12 6	10 6	11 0
		4	12 6	10 6	11 0
„ 2	Do.	1	48 0	24 0	13 0
		2	60 0	24 0	13 0
		3	12 6	10 6	11 0
		4	12 6	10 6	11 0
„ 3	Do.	1	24 0	24 0	13 0
		2	36 0	24 0	13 0
		3	12 6	10 6	11 0
		4	12 6	10 6	11 0
„ 4	8 cubicles		12 0	10 0	11 0
„ 5 (in course of con- struction)	—	1	72 0	24 0	13 0
		2	72 0	24 0	13 0
		3	13 2	10 0	11 0
		4	13 2	10 0	11 0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Hendon Urban District	Estimated population, 30.6.30— 109,583
Kingsbury Urban District (when there are vacant beds).	—

Remarks.

The hospital has a laboratory equipped for the usual bacteriology of a fever hospital, *i.e.*, diphtheria swabs, urines, cerebro-spinal fluids, cytology of blood, &c.

No operating theatre, but one side-ward is equipped to act as such.

Extension in course of construction should be completed in March, 1931.

Name of Authority : RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HENDON.

Name of Hospital : ISOLATION HOSPITAL, HONEYPOT LANE, STANMORE.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Honeypot Lane, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
Site. Area in acres	3·213.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	No necessity, although there are fields on each side.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	6-ft. fencing, west, north and east boundaries. Hedge on south boundary.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Colne Valley Water Company.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Drains to Edgware and Little Stanmore Sewage Farm.
Heating, Means of	Slow combustion stoves. Electric fires available.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electricity.
Number of separate buildings	6. Administrative Block, Discharge Block. Ward Block, Discharge Observation Block (temporary), Laundry Block, Porter's Lodge.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick, slate roofs.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	All the permanent buildings, except the Porter's Lodge.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	Ward Block, Discharge Block, Observation Block.
Total number of wards	5.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	17.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Diphtheria and scarlet fever.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Not considered so. Alterations pending.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	Number accommodated at present : (a) 4 nurses, Matron (1 nurse sleeping in convalescent block) ; (b) 2 maids, Janitor and Cook.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Estimate for gas to be laid on and gas cooker installed under consideration.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Electric power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Washington-Lyon steam, supplied by Bar- ford & Perkins, Ltd., in 1929.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Two motor ambulances.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out- door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
No. 1	4	1	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
		2	36 0	19 6	13 0
		3	36 0	19 6	13 0
		4	24 0	16 0	13 0
		4	24 0	16 0	13 0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Rural District of Hendon (comprising parishes of Harrow Weald, Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore, Edgware, Pinner).	47,318

Remarks.

Plans are at the present time in course of preparation for alterations and additions to this hospital. It is proposed to add another floor to the existing building, and to provide for one-half of the Ward Block to be utilised for scarlet fever patients, and the other half for diphtheria, thus giving ground-floor and first-floor Wards for each section, with the necessary offices.

The present building was erected with the intention of adding a further floor, and has suitable foundations for the purpose.

Name of Authority : HARROW-ON-THE-HILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Rayner's Lane, South Harrow.
Site. Area in acres	1½.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	No.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes, by taking land from the Sewage Farm, adjoining.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Close-boarded oak pale fencing, 6 ft. 6 ins. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Colne Valley Water Co.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Water carriage system draining to Sewage Farm.
Heating, Means of	Central Heating to Scarlet Fever Wards, remainder heated by coal fires.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Gas.
Number of separate buildings	5.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick, excepting the Emergency Block, which is of hollow brick, timber frame and cement rendered.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	3.
Total number of wards	8, including 2 single-bedded wards.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	25.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever (erysipelas, influenza, measles, mumps, pneumonia, &c., have also been treated).
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	No.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	Matron, 5 nurses, and 3 maids.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Hand.
Is it adequate ?	No. Should be altered to mechanical power machine.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Thresh's Steam Disinfecter.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
No. 1, Scarlet Fever..	Male	1	ft. in. 24 0	ft. in. 26 0	ft. in. 13 0
	Female	2	36 0	26 0	13 0
,, 2, Diphtheria, or Emergency Ward	Male	1	24 0	20 0	12 0
	Female	2	24 0	20 0	12 0
	Single bed (M.)	3	12 0	9 0	12 0
	Single bed (F.)	4	12 0	9 0	12 0
,, 3, Old Block ..	Male	1	24 0	18 0	13 0
	Female	2	23 0	18 0	13 0

B.
Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Harrow-on-the-Hill Urban District	24,550
Wealdstone Urban District	20,830
On occasions patients are treated from the following districts :—	
Hendon Rural District.	—
Wembley Urban District.	—

Name of Authority : WILLESDEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : WILLESDEN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Brentfield Road, Neasden, N.W.10.
Site. Area in acres	15.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	9-in. wall, 8-ft. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Connected to main sewerage.
Heating, Means of	Steam radiators and open fires.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electricity.
Number of separate buildings	16.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	13 of brick, 3 of wood and corrugated iron.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	7.
Total number of wards	26 (including 10 cubicles).
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	130 + 10 in Cubicle Block (total, 140).
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	All the notifiable diseases excepting smallpox, also measles and pemphigus neonatorum.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 55, (b) 1. All domestic staff, with 1 exception, sleep out.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Washington-Lyons.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	Yes. Two.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
			ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
No. 1, " B "	4	1 South	36	0	18	0	12	0
		2 Middle	24	0	18	0	12	0
		3 Small	15	0	14	0	12	0
		4 North	36	0	18	0	12	0
,, 2, " C "	2	1 North	48	0	26	0	13	0
		2 South	48	0	26	0	13	0
,, 3, " D "	2	1 North	75	0	26	0	13	0
		2 South	75	0	26	0	13	0
,, 4, " E "	2	1 North	48	0	26	0	13	0
		2 South	48	0	26	0	13	0
,, 5, " F " & " G "	2	1	113	0	26	9	13	0
		2	113	0	26	9	13	0
,, 6, " H "	4	1 Long	72	0	18	0	13	0
		2 Middle	23	9	18	0	13	0
		3 North	24	0	18	0	13	0
		4 North	23	0	18	0	13	0
,, 7, " M "	10 cubicles		12	0	10	0	10	6

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Willesden Urban District	179,368

Remarks.

Extension to Isolation Hospital.—Application made to Ministry of Health on 28th July, 1930, for sanction to borrow £10,938 for the erection of two additional cubicle blocks each of 10 beds. The Ministry have asked for revised estimates based on the tender it is proposed to accept.

Name of Authority : CHISWICK AND EALING HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

Name of Hospital : CHISWICK AND EALING ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	On the Southern Boundary of Ealing.
Site. Area in acres	4½.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes. Accommodation can be doubled.
Can the site be extended ?	No.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Brick wall from 6 ft. 10 in. to 8 ft. 10 in. in height.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public supply.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Main drainage.
Heating, Means of	Central heating and supplementary coal fires.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric lighting.
Number of separate buildings	9.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	All except one built of brick.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	All except the Administrative Block, which is 20 ft. from the boundary wall, and the Caretaker's Lodge, which is 6 ft. distant.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4.
Total number of wards.. ..	17.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	82.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, cerebro-spinal fever, puerperal fever.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 20 ; (b) 12.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes, throughout whole hospital.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. High pressure operated from steam boiler.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Ambulance (motor) kept at Central Depot at Town Hall, Ealing.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for outdoor staff ?	Lodge at gate for Porter. One of the gardeners lives at the Annex.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1	—	1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
			83	6	25	9	14	0
		2	83	6	25	9	14	0
		3	13	9	11	4	14	0
,, 2	—	4*	13	9	11	4	14	0
		1	60	0	25	9	14	0
		2	60	0	25	9	14	0
		3	13	9	11	4	14	0
,, 3	—	4†	13	9	11	4	14	0
		1	29	9	13	3	16	0
		2	18	9	12	9	16	0
		3	18	9	12	9	16	0
,, 4	—	4	29	9	13	3	16	0
		1	38	6	18	9	13	6
		2	17	6	11	3	12	6
		3	11	3	10	2	12	6

* Upper Ward, 36 ft. 3 in. by 19 ft. 9 in.; Balcony, 17 ft. 3 in. by 6 ft. 6 in.
† Upper Ward, 36 ft. 3 in. by 18 ft.; Balcony, 15 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 3 in.

B. Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Borough of Ealing	104,000
Urban District of Brentford and Chiswick	59,040

Remarks.

The Isolation Hospital Annex, Clayponds Lane, Brentford, which was formerly the Brentford Urban District Council's Isolation Hospital, is kept ready in case of an epidemic causing a greater demand for beds than are available at the Isolation Hospital proper. The Annex is about 150 yards distant from the main hospital, and therefore it is not easy to manage from this main hospital except in times of emergency, when additional accommodation must be provided. Since the combination of hospitals took place there has been no occasion on which it has been necessary to use the Annex. A proposal is being considered by the Hospitals Committee for the extension of the Isolation Hospital by providing two wards of 12 to 16 beds each. When this extension is accomplished the buildings of the Annex will cease to be considered as overflow accommodation for the main hospital. The Annex consists of one block of three wards, the measurements of which are as follows :—

Ward Number.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.
	ft.	in.	ft.
No. 1	36	0	12
,, 2	36	0	12
,, 3	48	6	12

There is accommodation for 15 beds on the basis of 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed. There is a small administrative block, which is occupied by the gardener, and in this block there are 4 bedrooms which are available for nursing staff if required. The hospital is in good condition. It is lighted by means of gas, and is heated by means of coal fires. The site extends to 1·3 acres and is not capable of being used for additional buildings.

Name of Authority : ACTON TOWN COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : ACTON FEVER HOSPITAL, WALES FARM ROAD, ACTON, W.3.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Wales Farm Road, Acton, W.3.
Site. Area in acres	4·5 (approximately).
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Partly brick ; partly close-boarded.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public supply.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Water—carriage.
Heating, Means of	Central heating and open fireplaces in all buildings.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric light.
Number of separate buildings	7.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	6 of brick and 1 of ferro-concrete blocks.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes, except No. 4, Leamington Park Villas (a house adjoining hospital), used for lodging administrative staff.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4 blocks.
Total number of wards	6 ordinary wards, 4 separation wards, and 3 discharge or isolation wards.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	78 beds.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever and diphtheria, and measles when accommodation allows. Arrangements made for nursing enteric cases elsewhere.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) Nursing, 20 ; (b) Domestic, 12.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Washington-Lyons.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ?	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	No.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ?	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1	3	1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
		2	24	0	17	0	15	0
		3	24	0	17	0	15	0
„ 2	3	1	13	0	17	0	15	0
		2	48	0	25	0	15	0
		3	36	0	25	0	15	0
„ 3	3	1	12	0	10	0	10	0
		2	48	0	25	0	15	0
		3	36	0	25	0	15	0
„ 4	4	1	12	0	10	0	10	0
		2	48	0	25	0	15	0
		3	36	0	25	0	15	0
		4	12	0	10	0	10	0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Acton	65,200 (Estimated 1930).
Wembley	35,530 (Estimated 1929).
Kingsbury	11,000 (Estimated 1929).

Remarks.

The Town Council has entered into agreements for the treatment of the following notifiable infectious diseases at other hospitals, viz. :—

- Enteric fever at the Acton Hospital, Gunnersbury Lane, W.3, and the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.6.
- Puerperal sepsis at Queen Charlotte’s Hospital, Goldhawk Road, W.6.
- Ophthalmia neonatorum at St. Margaret’s (London County Council) Hospital, Leighton Road, N.W.5.

Name of Authority : SOUTHALL-NORWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : MOUNT PLEASANT.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Mount Pleasant, Southall.
Site. Area in acres	3·007.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Close-boarded fence, 6 ft. 6 in. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public supply—South West Suburban Water Co.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Drainage connected to Council main sewer.
Heating, Means of	Central heating in all wards, supplemented by open fires or stoves.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric light. Metropolitan Electric Supply Co. mains.
Number of separate buildings	8 in all. See details.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	All brick buildings, except Temporary Ward in timber, and Garage in wood and asbestos.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	All ward blocks are 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	3.
Total number of wards	7.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	35.
	<i>Note.</i> —The Council have already decided to add provision for 14 additional beds for diphtheria cases.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever and diphtheria.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	No.
	<i>Note.</i> —The Council have already decided to add 6 additional bedrooms for the nursing staff.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	At present : 7 Nurses, 1 Matron. When additional accommodation above-mentioned is provided : 13 Nurses, 1 Matron.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	For the present staff and patients—Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes. G.P.O. and internal.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power washer and power ironer.
Is it adequate ?	Yes—for the present.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Thresh. (Steam.)
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
No. 1	2 Wards and 1 small private Ward	1	ft. in. 36 0	ft. in. 26 0	ft. in. 13 0
		2	36 0	26 0	13 0
		3	14 0	12 0	13 0
„ 2	2	1	18 0	24 0	13 0
		2	18 0	24 0	13 0
„ 3	2	1	50 0	20 0	10 0
		2	50 0	20 0	10 0
„ 4, to be provided. (Council already Re- solved.)	—	—	Details not yet	available.	

B.
Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Southall-Norwood Urban District ..	Census (1921) 30,261
	Reg.-Gen. estimate (1929).. .. 35,370
	Local estimate (1930) 45,132

Remarks.

Details of Separate Buildings.

- 1 Diphtheria Block.
1 Scarlet Fever Block.
1 Temporary Block.
- 1 Administrative Block.
1 Laundry, Mortuary, Disinfect-
ing and Stores Block.
- 1 Discharge Block.
1 Porter's Lodge.
1 Ambulance Garage.

Name of Authority : BOROUGH OF TWICKENHAM.

Name of Hospital : BOROUGH HOSPITAL, NELSON ROAD, TWICKENHAM.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	At junction of Hospital Bridge Road and Nelson Road, Twickenham.
Site. Area in acres	8.5.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Thoroughly.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Adjoining entrance gates on main road, 6 ft. 6 in. close-boarded fence. Remainder, quickset hedge with stout wire netting or chestnut fencing, 4 ft. to 5 ft. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Metropolitan Water Board.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Connected to Council's sewers.
Heating, Means of	Low pressure hot water and one large Manchester stove in each principal ward. Open fires in convalescent wards.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric lighting throughout.
Number of separate buildings	5.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick. Slate roof.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	(<i>Vide</i> remarks on next page as to additional accommodation for convalescent patients at Mereway Hospital.)
Total number of blocks or pavilions	3.
Total number of wards	2 large, 2 small, 6 cubicle, 2 discharge = 12.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	27.
Any discharge block ?	3-4 beds (additional to 27 above).
What diseases are usually treated ?	Diphtheria, scarlet fever, enteric, erysipelas, and occasionally complicated measles.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) Nursing, 8 ; (b) domestic, 4.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Hand.
Is it adequate ?	Yes, for present needs.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Washington-Lyons Steam Disinfecter.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Motor ambulance. Stationed at Fire Brigade Station and available at any moment.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	No.
Are there cottages at the hospital for outdoor staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1, Principal ..	4	1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
		2	48	0	25	0	13	0
		3	36	0	25	0	13	0
		4	13	0	13	0	13	0
,, 2, Cubicle ..	6	1	The 6 wards on the cubicle system are entirely separated by glass partitions. Each of the 6 cubicles measures :—					
		2						
		3						
		4						
		5						
		6						
,, 3, Discharge ..	2	1	12	9	10	3	10	3
		2	24	0	14	0	13	0
		2	27	0	20	0	11	6

B.
Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Borough of Twickenham only	Estimate of Registrar-General to middle of 1929 36,070
(Occasionally patients have been received from neighbouring areas.)	Estimate of Medical Officer of Health to 1930 38,000

Remarks.

The Principal Ward Block, the Discharge Block, the Laundry, Disinfection and Mortuary Block, and the block containing the nurses' home and other administrative accommodation were built about 24 years ago. The Cubicle Block was built 3 years ago. In view of the increasing population of the Borough, the Corporation have retained for use, if necessary, of convalescent patients, the hospital situated at the Mereway, Twickenham, which hospital was formerly used as an Infectious Diseases Hospital. It contains two wards, each 20 ft. by 18 ft. by 14 ft., and would easily accommodate 7 convalescent patients. This is in addition to the number of beds entered on the previous page.

Name of Authority: THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND (SURREY), AND THE HESTON AND ISLEWORTH JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Name of Hospital: MOGDEN ISOLATION HOSPITAL, ISLEWORTH.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Isleworth, Middlesex.
Site. Area in acres	9 acres 1 rood 8 perches.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Brick wall on three sides, 6 ft. high. Corrugated iron fence on fourth side, from 5 ft. to 6 ft. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Drainage to Local Authorities' Sewage Works.
Heating, Means of	Central heating (water).
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electricity.
Number of separate buildings	8—the 2 porter's lodges are included in this.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick buildings.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4 blocks.
Total number of wards	14 wards.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	48 beds.
Any discharge block ?	No proper discharge block.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	At present Matron, 11 nurses and 8 maids, and there are, over and above this, 6 empty beds available for staff.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Adequate.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Washington-Lyons type.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Two motor ambulances are kept.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	2.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No, but the Committee is about to appoint one.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1, Scarlet Fever ..	4	1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	}	ft. in. Over 13 0
		2	60	0	26	0		
		3	48	0	26	0		
		4	24	0	13	0		
,, 2, Diphtheria and Enteric	4	1	36	0	24	0	}	Over 13 0
		2	24	0	24	0		
		3	11	6	14	0		
		4	11	6	14	0		
,, 3, Observation ..	3	1	12	0	13	0	}	13 0
		2	12	0	13	0		
		3	13	0	24	0		
,, 4, Convalescent ..	2, and 1 Day Room	1	24	0	24	0	}	Over 13 0
		2	24	0	24	0		
		—	Also Day Room					

B. Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District.
Borough of Richmond, Surrey	36,370 (1929 estimate.)
Heston and Isleworth Urban District, Middlesex	63,070 (1929 estimate.)

Name of Authority : HAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Hospital : ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill.
Site. Area in acres	2.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes, up to 7 acres.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	Oak, 6 ft. high.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Metropolitan Water Board.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	To public sewer.
Heating, Means of	Open fires.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric.
Number of separate buildings	6.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick external walls, slated roofs.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	2.
Total number of wards	8.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	15.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 7 ; (b) 3.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Hand.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Steam.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Horse.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
No. 1 (Divided) ..	4	{ 1	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	}	ft. in.
		2	24	0	14	0		
		{ 3	24	0	25	9		
		4	24	0	14	0		
„ 2 Observation Block	4	1	12	0	10	6	}	13 0
		2	12	0	10	6		
		3	12	0	10	6		
		4	12	0	10	6		

B. Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital.

Name of District.	Population of District.
Hampton Urban	14,000 (Estimated 1930.)

Name of Authority : UXBRIDGE JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

Name of Hospital : UXBRIDGE JOINT (OR ISOLATION) HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Kingston Lane, Uxbridge.
Site. Area in acres	2 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Not for further Ward Blocks.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes, under option agreement (see Remarks, next page).
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes.
State nature and height of fencing	6 ft. corrugated iron fencing.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public. Rickmansworth Valley Co.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Connected with public sewers.
Heating, Means of	Boilers and hot water radiators.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric supply from public company.
Number of separate buildings	3 Ward Blocks, 1 Cubicle Block, Administrative Block, Laundry and Disinfector Block, Porter's Lodge.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick and slated buildings.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Yes.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	4.
Total number of wards	6 wards, 12 cubicles.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	48 beds.
Any discharge block ?	Bath Room and Discharge Room, with separate exit in No. 1 Ward Block.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid, para-typhoid, enteric, cerebro-spinal meningitis, encephalitis lethargica.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 15 ; (b) 7.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed ?	Yes. P.O. ; private system to Administrative and Ward Blocks.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Electricity.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Steam disinfector.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor ambulance.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge ?	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No. Part-time Medical Officer.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.		
			Length.	Breadth.	Height.
No. 1	2	1	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
			{ 36 0 }	16 0	14 0
		2	{ and 18 0 }	18 0	14 0
			{ 36 0 }	16 0	14 0
,, 2	2	1	36 0	26 0	13 0
		2	36 0	26 0	13 0
,, 3	2	1	36 0	24 0	12 0
		2	36 0	24 0	12 0
,, 4	12 cubicles	6	15 7	8 6	10 0
		6	15 7	8 0	10 0

B. Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.	Population of District. (Estimated in each case.)
Uxbridge Urban District	30,132 (Estimated to 31.10.30.)
Ruislip-Northwood Urban District	17,971 (Estimated to 31.10.30.)
Hayes and Harlington Urban District	25,000 (Estimated to June, 1930.)
Yiewsley and West Drayton Urban District..	12,500 (Estimated to June, 1930.)

Remarks.

Site. Reference from previous page.
Ten years' option agreement, dated 26th July, 1929, to acquire about 1 acre 1 rood and 4 poles of land adjoining.

Name of Authority : STAINES JOINT HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Name of Hospital : STAINES JOINT HOSPITAL.

A.

Where is the hospital situated ?	Long Lane, Ashford, Middlesex.
Site. Area in acres	4.
Is there room on the site for extension ? ..	Yes.
Can the site be extended ?	Yes, another 3 acres.
Is the approach road satisfactory ?	Yes.
Fencing.	
Is the site completely fenced in ?	Yes. Height, 6 ft.
State nature and height of fencing	Close-boarded fence in outside borders ; iron fence round Administrative Block.
Water Supply.	
Public supply or other source ?	Public supply and well for laundry.
Is the supply adequate for all purposes ? ..	Yes.
Sewage Disposal, Means of	Main drainage to ejector.
Heating, Means of	Coal and coke fires.
Lighting (artificial), Means of	Electric light.
Number of separate buildings	6.
Of what materials are they constructed ? ..	Brick and tile, rough cast.
Are the buildings not less than 40 ft. from each other and from the boundary fence ?	Not less.
Accommodation for Patients.	
Total number of blocks or pavilions	3.
Total number of wards	4 wards and 8 rooms for single cases ; 2 play rooms.
Total number of beds, allowing 144 sq. ft. of floor space per bed.	36+.
Any discharge block ?	Yes.
What diseases are usually treated ?	Diphtheria, scarlet fever. Occasionally enteric, erysipelas, meningitis, cerebro-spinal meningitis and encephalitis lethargica.
Administrative Accommodation.	
Is it adequate for all the nursing and domestic staff employed ?	Yes.
What number of (a) nursing and (b) domestic staff can be accommodated ?	(a) 11 ; (b) 9.
Are the kitchen and cooking arrangements adequate ?	Yes.
Are telephones installed	Yes.
Is there a laundry at the hospital ? Power or hand ?	Yes. Power.
Is it adequate ?	Yes.
Is there disinfecting apparatus at the hospital ? If so, state type.	Yes. Lyons.
Is an ambulance kept at the hospital ? Motor or horse ?	Yes. Motor.
Is there a mortuary at the hospital ? ..	Yes.
Is there a porter's lodge	Yes.
Are there cottages at the hospital for out-door staff ?	No.
Is there a resident Medical Officer ? ..	No.

Details of Wards in the Hospital.

The number of blocks or pavilions, the number of wards in each and the dimensions of each ward.

Ward Blocks.	No. of Wards in each Block.	Ward Number.	Dimensions of each Ward.					
			Length.		Breadth.		Height.	
			ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
No. 1, Diphtheria ..	2 large wards	1	48	0	26	0	13	0
		2	36	0	26	0	13	0
	2 small Rooms	3	12	0	12	0	13	0
		4	12	0	12	0	13	0
,, 2, Scarlet Fever ..	2 large Wards	1	48	0	26	0	13	0
		2	36	0	26	0	13	0
	2 small rooms	3	12	0	12	0	13	0
		4	12	0	12	0	13	0
,, 3, Observation ..	4 small Rooms	1	12	0	12	0	13	0
		2	12	0	12	0	13	0
		3	12	0	12	0	13	0
		4	12	0	12	0	13	0

B.

Sanitary districts from which patients are admitted to the hospital :—

Name of District.				Population of District.
Feltham	..	..	} Feltham Urban District	<i>Say</i>
Hatton	..	..		14,000
Bedfont	..	..
Hanworth	..	..
Staines	..	..	} Staines Urban District	
Ashford, Middlesex				16,000
Stanwell	..	..
Laleham	..	..
Sunbury	..	..	} Sunbury Urban District	
Ashford Common	..			9,500
Shepperton	..	..

Isolation hospital accommodation for smallpox.

The County of Middlesex (Prevention and Treatment of Smallpox) Regulations, 1928, constituted the County Council the authority for the provision of isolation accommodation and treatment of persons suffering from smallpox in all parts of the County with the exception of the Urban District of Willesden. In 1929 the District Council of Willesden made application to the County Council to be included in the arrangements applying to the rest of the County and, accordingly, the Minister of Health in 1930 issued Regulations amending those of 1928 and having the effect of constituting the Middlesex County Council the smallpox hospital authority for the entire administrative county.

The County Council has fulfilled its obligations in this direction by entering into an agreement with the London County Council whereby the very extensive smallpox hospital provision which was made by the late Metropolitan Asylums Board for the reception of London cases is now also available for residents in any part of Middlesex. The smallpox hospitals belonging to the London County Council are situated on the Thames at Dartford and comprise Long Reach Hospital, Joyce Green Hospital and Orchard Hospital with a total permanent accommodation of some 2,000 beds. On the hospital sites there is ample land for enlarging the existing provision to almost unlimited extent by the erection, in time of need, of temporary buildings. So far as it is possible to foresee, therefore, the County of Middlesex is amply protected, so far as isolation hospital accommodation is concerned, against any outbreaks of smallpox which are likely to arise.

On the occurrence of a case of smallpox in a district in Middlesex, the County Medical Officer, or the local Medical Officer of Health communicates by telephone with the ambulance department of the London County Council, who undertake all arrangements for the patient's immediate removal to hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1912, which make it compulsory for every medical practitioner to notify to the local sanitary authority all cases of tuberculosis, both pulmonary and non-pulmonary, provide that each local medical officer of health shall furnish to the County Medical Officer a weekly return, giving full particulars of each notification. A summary of these notifications, divided into males and females, pulmonary and non-pulmonary forms of the disease, and various specified age groups, is prepared annually by the County Medical Officer and forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

These Regulations were supplemented by the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1924, and, in accordance with the terms of the circular which accompanied the latter Regulations, local medical officers of health are required to include on their returns, specially marked, particulars of all new cases which have come to their knowledge in other ways than by notification, *e.g.*, from death returns, &c.

The number of new cases of tuberculosis reported in the County by district medical officers of health during 1930 was 2,298, an increase of 94 as compared with the total for 1929. Of these cases, fourteen were those of persons who changed their place of residence from one sanitary district to another within the County and, in accordance with the Regulations, were the subject of primary notification in each such district. Thus the net number of new cases in the County as a whole was 2,284.

Of the gross total, 2,019 (87·86 per cent.) were notified by medical practitioners or school medical officers in accordance with the Regulations, whilst 279 (12·14 per cent.) came to the notice of medical officers of health otherwise than by formal notification.

The number of deaths attributed to tuberculosis during the year was 1,164 (a decrease of 51, as compared with 1929) of which 981 were due to pulmonary and 183 to non-pulmonary tuberculosis, corresponding to a death-rate from all forms of the disease of 0·75 per 1,000 persons living.

Owing to certain defects in the system of notification, it is quite certain that the number of cases of tuberculosis reported by district medical officers of health does not represent with any degree of exactitude the number of new cases of infection with tuberculosis occurring in the course of a year. At the same time the number of notifications may be regarded as a useful index of the incidence of tuberculosis when the figures relating to a period of years are considered. In the following table information is given regarding the number of notifications of tuberculosis during the past ten years. The incidence rate (as measured by the number of notifications) has shown a very definite fall in the decade, the decrease affecting particularly the incidence of tuberculosis of the respiratory system.

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FOR PAST 10 YEARS.

	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.				All Forms of Tuberculosis.			
	Number of Noti- fications.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Number of Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 living.	Number of Noti- fications.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Number of Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 living.
1921	1,604	1·27	944	0·75	1,931	1·53	1,180	0·94
1922	1,529	1·21	948	0·75	1,823	1·44	1,142	0·90
1923	1,565	1·23	916	0·72	1,944	1·52	1,120	0·88
1924	1,635	1·27	986	0·76	1,982	1·54	1,188	0·92
1925	1,630	1·25	922	0·71	1,982	1·52	1,097	0·84
1926	1,655	1·25	944	0·71	2,009	1·52	1,138	0·86
1927	1,621	1·20	1,024	0·76	2,015	1·49	1,193	0·88
1928	1,478	1·04	909	0·64	1,819	1·28	1,071	0·76
1929	1,606	1·10	1,058	0·73	1,911	1·31	1,215	0·83
1930	1,629*	1·04	981	0·63	2,019*	1·29	1,164	0·75

* These figures were obtained from the weekly notifications of the district medical officers of health in the County ; the remaining statistics (except the rates) were supplied by the Registrar-General.

A more accurate criterion of the progress which is being made to combat tuberculosis is to be found in the death-rate from this disease. In the above table, in addition to information regarding notifications, the number of deaths, year by year and the death-rates from tuberculosis are given. It will be noted with satisfaction that the death-rates in 1930 from tuberculosis (all forms) and from pulmonary tuberculosis are the lowest on record, and that the death-rate has been sensibly and fairly steadily declining for a number of years. This fact is illustrated in graphic form by the diagram which appears on page 111.

The following table shows the age and sex distribution of the 2,284 new cases, divided into pulmonary and non-pulmonary groups and compared with the number of deaths, similarly classified :—

NEW CASES AND DEATHS DURING 1930.

Age Periods.	New Cases.*				Deaths.†			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1	2	—	9	8	2	3	8	9
1-5	3	3	42	33	6	3	25	26
5-10	16	18	51	26	4	9	15	13
10-15	18	17	42	43				
15-20	89	80	21	19	91	152	14	16
20-25	147	191	24	34				
25-35	278	264	31	30	239	197	15	12
35-45	207	136	10	10				
45-55	135	60	7	11	172	63	16	8
55-65	95	22	4	6				
65 and upwards ..	23	15	2	2	27	13	2	4
Totals.. ..	1,013	806	243	222	541	440	95	88

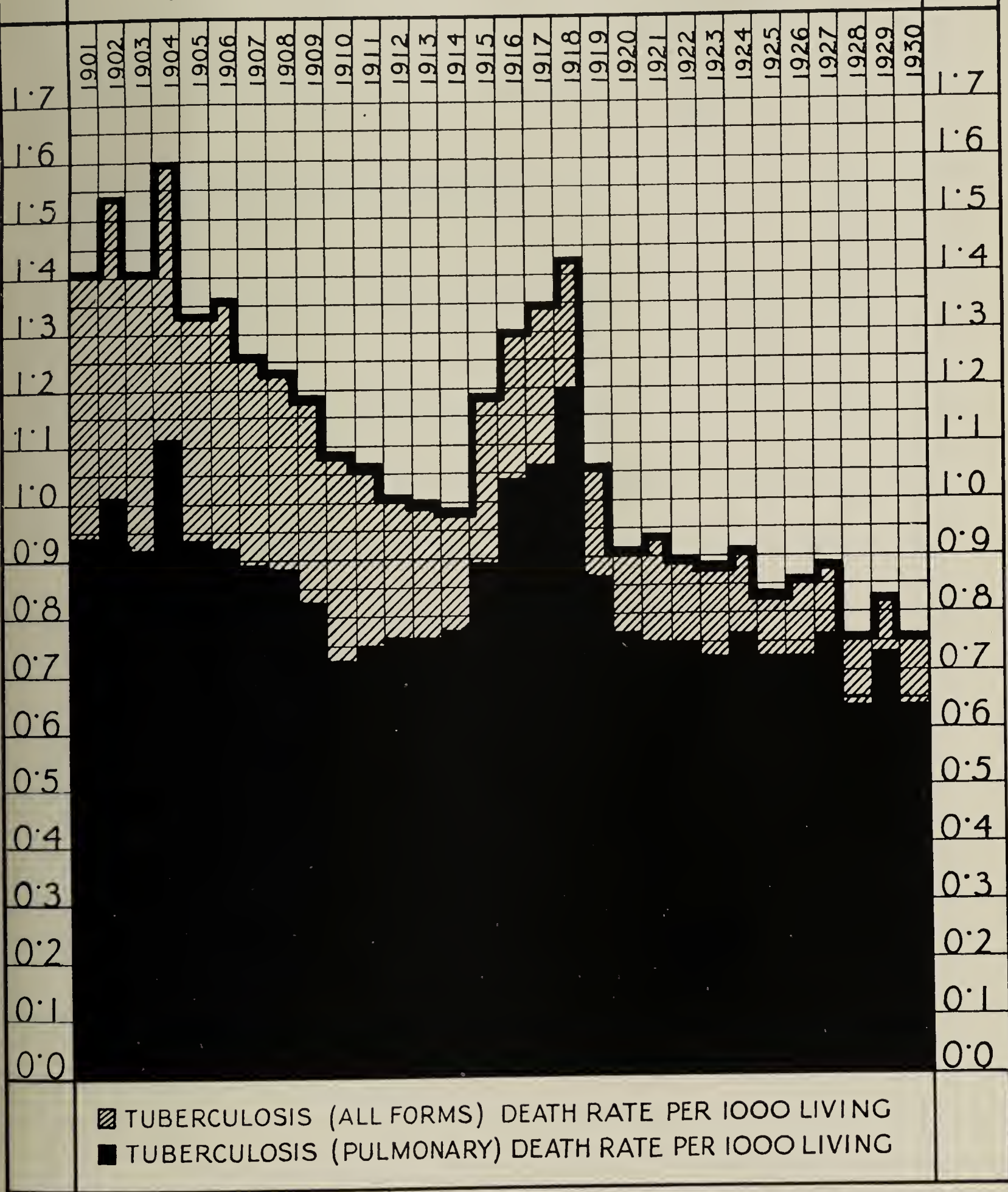
* These figures are summarised from the weekly returns received from the medical officer of health of each district in accordance with the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1924, and include notified and non-notified cases in the County as a whole during the period of 53 weeks ended 3rd January, 1931.

† Statistics supplied by the Registrar-General.

The table illustrates the already well-established facts that tuberculosis is more common among males than among females, that as regards pulmonary disease the highest incidence and mortality is in the early middle period of life, whilst non-pulmonary tuberculosis is more particularly a disease of childhood.

In the table on pages 112 and 113 are set out details relating to notifications and deaths in each sanitary district in Middlesex, together with the numbers of persons whose names were on the tuberculosis registers kept by the various local sanitary authorities at the close of the year.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TUBERCULOSIS DEATH-RATES



District.		Tuberculosis (all forms).				Cases of tuberculosis remaining on the 31st December, 1930, on the Registers of Notifications kept by Medical Officers of Health of districts in the County.					
		Cases notified, 1930.		Deaths, 1930.		Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.		
		No.	Rate per 1,000 living.	No.	Rate per 1,000 living.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Urban—</i>											
Acton (<i>Borough</i>)	..	101	1.48	67	0.98	119	124	243	30	20	50
Brentford and Chiswick	..	82	1.34	47	0.77	291	266	557	58	87	145
Ealing (<i>Borough</i>)	..	134	1.20	87	0.78	167	129	296	41	46	87
Edmonton	..	93	1.22	70	0.92	299	224	523	82	87	169
Enfield	..	79	1.18	49	0.73	177	140	317	37	46	83
Feltham	..	10	0.75	8	0.60	10	10	20	4	4	8
Finchley	..	61	1.07	33	0.58	100	101	201	28	29	57
Friern Barnet	..	17	0.76	12	0.53	29	34	63	11	3	14
Hampton	..	9	0.71	5	0.40	10	10	20	11	8	19
Hampton Wick	..	3	1.01	4	1.35	5	5	10	1	4	5
Harrow..	..	27	1.04	10	0.39	29	33	62	2	9	11
Hayes and Harlington	..	39	1.92	20	0.99	34	33	67	17	11	28
Hendon	..	130	1.32	69	0.70	253	238	491	90	109	199
Heston and Isleworth	..	83	1.19	48	0.69	83	72	155	19	25	44
Hornsey (<i>Borough</i>)	..	110	1.19	66	0.71	237	236	473	69	61	130
Kingsbury	..	13	1.00	7	0.54	13	13	26	3	1	4
Ruislip-Northwood	..	19	1.32	8	0.55	33	29	62	11	6	17
Southall-Norwood	..	58	1.54	19	0.51	60	65	125	16	19	35
Southgate	..	40	0.76	38	0.72	86	61	147	18	18	36
Staines	..	17	0.99	14	0.82	16	12	28	2	2	4
Sunbury	..	10	0.86	7	0.60	12	12	24	2	4	6
Teddington	..	32	1.39	21	0.92	44	32	76	25	14	39
Tottenham	..	249	1.58	141	0.90	400	268	668	115	75	190
Twickenham (<i>Borough</i>)	..	62	1.62	26	0.68	79	68	147	26	24	50

Uxbridge	..	..	..	..	28	0·99	15	0·53	46	38	84	25	15	40	124
Wealdstone	..	..	..	..	32	1·32	17	0·70	58	58	116	11	15	26	142
Wembley	..	..	..	..	53	1·24	30	0·70	115	101	216	20	38	58	274
Willesden	..	..	..	..	289	1·61	140	0·78	602	594	1,196	256	240	496	1,692
Wood Green	..	..	..	..	69	1·28	45	0·83	183	163	346	46	64	110	456
Yiewsley and West Drayton	..	..	..	..	11	0·96	14	1·22	25	24	49	14	15	29	78
Rural—															
Hendon	..	..	..	..	48	1·16	17	0·41	63	43	106	14	8	22	128
South Mimms	..	..	..	..	9	1·76	4	0·78	8	4	12	4	3	7	19
Staines†	..	..	..	..	2	0·26	6	0·77	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
The County	..	..	..	..	2,019	1·29	1,164	0·75	3,686	3,240	6,926	1,108	1,110	2,218	9,144

* Statistics as to deaths supplied by the Registrar-General. Other statistics obtained from periodical returns from district medical officers of health.

† Staines Rural District abolished 31st March, 1930.

SCHEME FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Council's scheme for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis embraces the entire administrative county and applies to every resident in Middlesex suffering from tuberculosis in any of its forms.

From its origin in 1912 the foundation of the scheme has been the provision of a staff of physicians possessing special knowledge and experience of the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. These tuberculosis medical officers devote the whole of their time to the detection, supervision and treatment of cases of tuberculosis, working in close co-operation with the general medical practitioners of the county in the relationship of consultants.

For the purposes of administration of the tuberculosis scheme, the county has been divided into six areas, each in charge of a tuberculosis officer. In each area a head tuberculosis dispensary has been established and, where necessary, sub-dispensaries have been opened in order that the facilities provided by the scheme may be reasonably accessible to persons residing in all parts of the county.

Information regarding the tuberculosis dispensary arrangements in Middlesex is contained in the table which follows :—

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AREAS.

Area.	Districts served.	Tuberculosis Medical Officer.	Head Dispensary.	Branch Dispensaries.
1	Edmonton, Enfield	Dr. H. Evans ..	279, Fore Street, Edmonton.	—
1A	Tottenham	Dr. S. T. Davies ..	140, West Green Road, Tottenham.	—
2	Finchley, Friern Barnet, Hendon (Urban), Hornsey, Southgate, Wood Green, South Mimms.	Dr. J. R. B. Dobson	Chester Villa, High Road, N. Finchley.	10, Alexandra Road, Hornsey ; 158, The Broadway, West Hendon.
3	Harrow, Kingsbury, Ruislip-Northwood, Wealdstone, Wembley, Willesden, Hendon (Rural).	Dr. O. Bruce	Pound Lane, Willesden.	53, Greenhill Crescent, Harrow.
4	Acton, Ealing, Hayes and Harlington, Southall-Norwood, Uxbridge, Yiewsley and West Drayton.	Dr. F. R. B. Atkinson	Green Man Lane, Ealing.	School Clinic, 45 and 47, Avenue Road, Acton ; 156, High Street, Uxbridge.
5	Brentford & Chiswick, Feltham, Hampton, Hampton Wick, Heston & Isleworth, Staines, Sunbury, Teddington, Twickenham.	Dr. W. S. Forbes ..	28, Bell Road, Hounslow.	14, Heathfield Terrace, Chiswick ; 12, Thames Street, Staines ; 1, Staines Road, Twickenham.

Each tuberculosis officer is assisted in his work by whole-time nurses, whose duty it is to visit patients in their homes and ensure that, so far as is possible, the instructions given by the tuberculosis officer for the care of the patient and the safety of his family are being carried out. The clerical work of each area, of which there is a considerable amount, is undertaken by a whole-time clerk at each dispensary. The whole scheme is centralised and is co-ordinated by the County Medical Officer, who acts as chief administrative tuberculosis officer, and arrangements for institutional treatment are made through the Public Health Department of the County Council.

As an adjunct to its scheme, the County Council in 1929 approved the provision of the home nursing of tuberculous persons in certain carefully selected cases. The number of instances, however, in which this service should be employed is very limited and is confined to two classes of patients : (1) acute cases recommended for sanatorium or hospital but for whom a vacancy is not immediately available, or who are not well enough to be removed until acute symptoms have subsided ; and (2) chronic bedridden patients suffering from chronic pulmonary or non-pulmonary disease who for any reason are not considered suitable for institutional treatment, but are in need of nursing attention or dressing, and in whose cases the home circumstances are suitable for the patient to be retained with comfort to himself and no undue risk to his family. As will readily be realised, cases fulfilling these conditions are not common, but occasionally this nursing service has proved of value and of very real help.

The following conjoint report has been compiled by the Tuberculosis Officers and sets out some of the observations and impressions which have been recorded by them in surveying the work for which they have been responsible during the past five years :—

“ The various points suggested under the Memorandum of the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangements of Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health have been fully dealt with in previous years. As these points represent a more or less routine account of our scheme and methods, which have undergone no major alteration since our last report, it is not proposed to elaborate them further this year. The incidence of notified tuberculosis in the county has shown a steady decrease during recent years, a decrease also being shown in the death-rate :—

Incidence.—1926. 1·55 per 1,000 living.

1930. 1·29 „ „

Death-Rate.—1926. 0·86 per 1,000 living.

1930. 0·75 „ „

This decrease has occurred in spite of the fact that suspects now more frequently offer themselves for examination, and despite a probable improved standard of diagnostic skill in detection of disease in an earlier state than formerly. The effects of this, and the institution of treatment before disease has progressed to any considerable extent, must have some bearing upon the decreased death-rate. Improvement in the general standard of living undoubtedly accounts for a proportion of this gratifying decline, but the recent growth of unemployment and consequent poverty would lead one to expect conditions favouring infection and we feel the decline must be very largely attributed to the efforts made in connection with the anti-tuberculosis scheme in the County.

The decrease in incidence has not resulted in any diminution of the work done at the dispensaries. On the contrary, though the number of cases diagnosed as tuberculous is on the down-grade, the number of new cases seen remains fairly constant. The efficiency of dispensary work is to a great extent represented by the number of *new* cases referred for an opinion, showing the extent to which the dispensaries are being made use of by general practitioners and the public.

During the last few years the most striking advance in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis has been along what may be termed surgical lines. Perhaps the most useful of these methods of treatment is that known as artificial pneumothorax. This consists in introducing air between the external lining of the lung and the interior of the chest-wall, and, by pressure, collapsing the diseased lung, thus keeping it approximately at rest. This treatment is commenced under in-patient conditions in our County Sanatorium at Harefield, and patients afterwards attend there at stated intervals for refills. These latter attendances are arranged so as to cause as little interference as possible with any work upon which a patient may be engaged. Artificial pneumothorax treatment is always very carefully controlled at Harefield by X-ray examination. Screening or filming is performed in practically every case given a refill. This control by X-ray we consider to be of the very greatest importance in carrying out this treatment and we feel strongly that artificial pneumothorax refills should not be given as an out-patient routine without this radiological control. By arrangement, refills are also carried out on our patients at certain chest hospitals and general hospitals in London. In many cases refills are continued for 2 or 3 years, and they have been continued for as long as 6 years, with undoubted benefit to the patients.

Thoracoplasty—the removal by surgical operation of sections of the ribs—causing the permanent collapse of the diseased lung, has, of recent years, become a far less hazardous undertaking than formerly. This operation is now performed in stages, which lessens the shock and very considerably reduces the risks to the patient. It is now attempted on earlier types of cases than heretofore and, in consequence, has proved much more successful. Cases in which other forms of treatment have, for some reason or another, failed, are now considered as to their suitability for this procedure. Certain Middlesex cases have had this operation performed during the year with eminently successful results and with singularly little resultant deformity.

Sanoecrysin, popularly known as the “ Gold Treatment,” has been given in several cases at Harefield Sanatorium where the patient has not responded to other methods of treatment. In some cases the results have apparently been good, particularly in reducing the amount of sputum and in eliminating tubercle bacilli in it. In our opinion this is not the long-looked-for specific cure for tuberculosis, but is a useful adjunct in some cases where other means have failed.

In respect of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, the main advance of the last few years has been in the treatment of lupus. The combination of "artificial sunlight" with the other forms of light treatment previously used—Kromayer, Finsen, &c.—has undoubtedly very much reduced the period of treatment necessary to effect a cure. Some observers go so far as to say a cure which previously took years to effect is now attained in a corresponding number of months.

The last five years have shown a definite increase in the number of cases in which new growths have been found in the lung, many of these proving to be malignant. Whether malignant growths of the lung are becoming, in fact, more numerous, or whether increasing use of X-ray and other diagnostic methods renders their discovery more frequent, it is impossible to say, but it is certain they can no longer be looked upon as rare conditions.

An interesting feature of this year's activities has been the visit of one of our tuberculosis officers, Dr. Dobson, to Canada with the scholarship party of tuberculosis experts, financed by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada. The County Council also showed their interest in the educational value of this tour by making a grant towards the expenses of their representative. The opportunity for personal investigation of other people's methods, and of seeing all the latest means of dealing with tuberculosis from both preventive and curative view-points in Canada and the United States, proved of extraordinary value and interest. Dr. Dobson's report on the tour proved most stimulating and instructive. It was evident the tour was no "joy-ride" and the days proved all too short for the tremendous amount of work required of the tourists. A striking example of the more drastic methods employed in some parts of the United States was given by Dr. Dobson, who told us that, in one city, when a highly infectious case of tuberculosis resisted the local authority's efforts at isolation and treatment, a Quarantine Officer was empowered to affix to the patient's front door a large red card bearing the startling announcement "Tuberculosis Case—Keep Out!"

Dr. Dobson's impression was that, in Canada, rather more reliance is laid upon mechanical methods of diagnosis, *i.e.*, by X-ray, skin tests, special methods of sputum examination, &c., than in this country—and, perhaps, rather less on ordinary clinical examination with the stethoscope, which still holds pride of place in our investigations. Radiological examination is very extensively practised in Canada, and all dispensaries and institutions are fitted with the latest plant for this purpose.

In Middlesex, during the last five years, X-ray films of the chest have increasingly been made use of, though the dispensaries are not fitted with radiographic apparatus. Arrangements are made in each district for X-ray photographs to be taken at some local and convenient centre. In some areas this centre is the X-ray department of a local hospital, and in others the patients are sent to the County Sanatorium at Harefield. The advantage of the scheme is that the X-ray pictures are taken and reported upon by expert radiologists, specialists who have long training and experience to assist them in the very difficult operation of correctly interpreting the intricacies of the X-ray plate. We believe this method of using established plants in each district and gaining the advantage of expert opinion, is both financially more economical and clinically more efficient than would be the case were X-ray apparatus to be installed at each head dispensary. In some cases the injection of lipiodol into the air tubes has been used. This spreads over the tubes large and small, which then show up darkly on the X-ray plate. The method is of great assistance in the diagnosis of bronchiectasis and new growths of the lung.

As in previous years, meetings of Tuberculosis Officers have been regularly held throughout the winter months at headquarters, and have generally been attended by the County Medical Officer. These meetings afford an opportunity for the discussion of difficult points in administration and clinical work, and help to establish uniformity of method between the various areas. Interesting cases are described and the resulting discussions are of the utmost value in assisting us in our efforts to keep abreast of the times. We would like to express our indebtedness to our indefatigable secretary, Dr. Atkinson, for his work in arranging these meetings."

INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION.

The County Council possesses two sanatoria for the treatment of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. Both are situated on the borders of the County, one at Harefield and one at South Mimms. Together these two sanatoria provide accommodation for five hundred cases and, in addition, there are eight observation beds for children at the County Sanatorium, Harefield, and sixteen observation beds for adults at the Council's Hospital Dispensary at Hounslow.

The County Council has not provided under its scheme any institutions for the treatment of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, but sends such cases to institutions not under its control, but approved by the Ministry of Health.

The following statement shows the total number of beds belonging to, or reserved for the sole use of, the Council during 1930 :—

Institution.	Accommodation.			Type of case.
	Adults.		Children.	
	M.	F.		
*County Sanatorium, Harefield	129	129	56	Pulmonary—sanatorium.
	—	—	8	Pulmonary—observation.
*County Sanatorium, Clare Hall, South Mimms	120	66	—	Pulmonary—late sanatorium and hospital.
County Council Hospital-Dispensary, Hounslow.	9	7	—	Pulmonary—observation.
Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot ..	—	—	25	Non-pulmonary.
Victoria Home, Margate	—	—	6	Non-pulmonary.

* Information as to the extent of the work carried out at the County Sanatoria, during 1930 appears on page 118 *et seq.* of this Report.

Other Institutions at which Patients have been maintained during 1930.

<i>Sanatoria.</i> —Brompton Hospital and Frimley ; Cheyne Hospital for Children, Chelsea ; Chilton Hill, Sudbury ; Daneswood ; Eversfield, Sussex ; Fairlight, Hastings ; Grosvenor, Ashford, Kent ; Holy Cross, Haslemere ; King Edward VII, Midhurst ; King George's Bramshot ; Marillac, Warley ; Merivale, Chelmsford ; National Sanatorium, Benenden ; Pinewood, Wokingham ; Royal National, Bournemouth ; Royal National, Ventnor.	} .	Pulmonary— various types.
<i>Hospitals.</i> —City of London, Victoria Park ; London Hospital ; St. Mary's ; St. Thomas's ; University College, London ; and St. Anthony's, Cheam.		
<i>Colonies.</i> —British Legion Village, Preston Hall, Kent ; Papworth Village Settlement, Papworth Hall, Cambridge.		
<i>Homes for very advanced cases.</i> —St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney ; St. Peter's, Kilburn.	} .	Non-pulmonary— adults.
<i>Hospitals.</i> —Hendon Cottage ; Prince of Wales's, Tottenham ; Royal Sea-Bathing, Margate ; St. Anthony's, Cheam ; and All Saints, Royal National Orthopædic, St. Mary's, St. Thomas's and University College, London.		
Alexandra Hospital for Hip Disease, Swanley, Kent ; Children's Hospital, Barnet ; Children's Hospital, Coldash ; Hendon Cottage ; London Hospital ; Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples', Alton ; Royal Hospital, Richmond ; Royal National Orthopædic, Country Branch, Stanmore ; Royal Northern ; Royal Sea-Bathing, Margate ; St. Andrew's Home, Hayling Island ; St. Anthony's, Cheam ; St. Nicholas' and St. Martin's Orthopædic ; Pyrford ; St. Vincent's, Pinner ; Watford and District Peace Memorial, Watford ; Wingfield Orthopædic, Oxford.	} .	Non-pulmonary— children.

The County Sanatorium, Harefield.—The Harefield Park Estate, which had been in use during the Great War as an Australian Military Hospital, came to the notice of the County Council as a possible site for a sanatorium in 1919, a time when institutional provision was urgently required for the large numbers of men leaving the army with tuberculosis which had been contracted on, or aggravated by active service. Apart from the fact that the site was in Middlesex and, therefore, very convenient of access, there were on the estate a large number of huts which had formed the greater part of the war hospital and which were capable of adaptation for sanatorium purposes. By reason of the excessively high cost of building at that time and the difficulty of obtaining materials, the County Council decided that the time was not ripe for large building projects and decided to acquire the estate and hutments as a temporary measure, and defer until a later date the question of building a permanent institution. The huts referred to were remodelled and appropriately distributed on the estate to constitute the accommodation for patients and nursing and domestic staff which now exists at Harefield. At the time of purchase they were given a life of about 15 to 20 years. In view of the fact

that over ten years had passed, the County Council in 1929 gave careful consideration to the question of commencing the replacement of the existing wooden structures by permanent buildings.

A scheme was prepared for the replacement to be undertaken in stages and spread over several years, as it was considered that by this method the building operations would cause the minimum amount of interference to the normal functioning of the sanatorium and, moreover, the cost would be more distributed and not fall within any one financial year. Plans were prepared for the rebuilding of the sanatorium in two-storey blocks of permanent construction. These plans were approved by the County Council and in due course by the Ministry of Health, and towards the close of 1930 the first stage of reconstruction was commenced. As the work of the sanatorium is considerably hampered by the unsatisfactory nature of the staff accommodation, it was decided to commence with the erection of new quarters for the nursing and domestic staff with accommodation for 104 persons, and this building is now in course of construction.

The following summary of the year's work at the Sanatorium has been prepared by Dr. J. R. McGregor, Medical Superintendent :—

Admissions.—During the year ended December 31st, 1930, 728 patients were admitted to the institution for treatment—369 males, 328 females, and 31 children. In addition to these, there were 108 children admitted for observation purposes, 17 of whom were found to have definite signs of pulmonary tuberculosis and were transferred to the treatment wards.

Discharges.—During the same period 753 patients were discharged—377 males, 331 females, and 45 children after treatment. In addition 93 children were discharged after observation.

Out-Patients.—During the year out-patients were admitted on 582 occasions for the purpose of having artificial pneumothorax refills. Generally these patients came in during the morning and went home the same day, but one case (a female) was detained for a period of treatment.

The following table shows the condition of patients discharged after treatment during 1930.

Stage of disease on Admission.	Number Discharged.	Condition on Discharge.			
		Quiescent.	Improved.	No Material Improvement	Died.
CLASS T.B. MINUS—		Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Males	59	27·11	57·62	13·55	1·69
Females	69	28·98	47·82	23·18	—
Children	39	53·84	38·46	7·69	—
Total.. ..	167	34·13	49·10	16·16	0·59
CLASS T.B. PLUS—					
Group I—					
Males	42	7·14	83·33	9·52	—
Females	26	15·38	80·76	3·84	—
Children	1	—	100·00	—	—
Total.. ..	69	10·14	82·60	7·24	—
CLASS T.B. PLUS—					
Group II—					
Males	146	4·10	76·02	17·12	2·73
Females	101	2·97	76·23	17·82	2·97
Children	—	—	—	—	—
Total.. ..	247	3·64	76·11	17·40	2·83
CLASS T.B. PLUS—					
Group III—					
Males	130	—	37·69	25·38	36·92
Females	135	—	34·81	42·22	22·96
Children	5	—	20·00	40·00	40·00
Total.. ..	270	—	35·92	34·07	30·00

The classification and terms used are those of the Ministry of Health. See explanatory notes on page 121.

The following table shows the results of the examination of 107 children who were primarily admitted for observation and who were discharged during the year :—

Tuberculous	14
Non-tuberculous	90
Doubtful (no definite diagnosis was made as the patients were not here long enough)	3

The diagnosis was made by clinical, microscopical, and X-ray examination. In several cases lipiodol was used for differential diagnosis, and enabled a definite diagnosis of bronchiectasis to be established.

There has been a definite increase in the number of children treated (under the age of 14 years), with pulmonary tuberculosis of the “adult” type, and it must be admitted that, while of infrequent occurrence, this condition is by no means so rare as is often supposed.

Pneumothorax therapy has been carried out as in previous years and has proved a most valuable adjunct to treatment. There is no doubt that, provided a satisfactory collapse of the lung can be obtained, the induction of an artificial pneumothorax greatly improves the outlook for the patient. Occasionally the lung tends to re-expand prematurely despite the continuance of refills, and to restrain this an oleothorax was induced in three cases, with good result. Oleothorax has also been employed in three cases of pyo-pneumothorax with improvement in one case.

804 X-ray photographs have been taken during the year. Of these, 49 were of cases other than patients in the institution, who were referred by the county tuberculosis officers for examination.

In addition, numerous screen examinations were made.

During the year 1930 there were 89 deaths in the institution—males 53, females 34, children 2.

Post-mortem examinations were held on two cases—one male and one female.

Both patients were found to have suffered from pulmonary tuberculosis, complicated by infective endocarditis.

Clare Hall County Sanatorium, South Mimms.—This institution has been used for the reception of Middlesex cases of tuberculosis since the inception of the County scheme in 1912, and the following short historical and general survey has been prepared by Dr. Tabois, the Medical Superintendent, who has been in charge of the institution, prior to 1929 as an officer of the Middlesex Districts Joint Smallpox Hospital Board, and since that date as an officer of the County Council.

“The Sanatorium is situated in Middlesex, at South Mimms (near the border of Herts and Middlesex); and is nearly 4 miles from Barnet, 3 from Potters Bar and 7 from St. Albans. Its height above sea level is 350 ft., and the total acreage is about 76 acres; $22\frac{1}{2}$ of which are held on lease, and negotiations for purchase by the County Council were in progress during the year.

It is protected on the north by a big belt of trees. Patients are sent either directly by ambulance, or are fetched from Potters Bar Station, if they are able to travel by train.

It was acquired by the Middlesex County Council on April 1st, 1929, as a sanatorium for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. Previously it belonged to the Middlesex Districts Joint Smallpox Hospital Board, who purchased it in 1907 as a smallpox hospital from the ‘Smallpox and Vaccination Hospital,’ the first hospital established for the treatment of this disease, which was erected in 1746 on the site of the present King’s Cross railway terminus; was subsequently removed to Highgate Hill where it remained till 1896, when it was again moved, this time to South Mimms.

In September, 1928, the entire control of smallpox in Middlesex was taken over by the County Council and the *raison d’être* of Clare Hall as a hospital for smallpox ceased. Previous to this, when the subject of the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis began to be mooted, Dr. Newsholme, who was then Principal Medical Officer to the Local Government Board, advised the use, in non-epidemic times, of smallpox hospitals for this purpose; and after inspection, and interview at the Ministry, permission was given for Clare Hall to be so used. To adapt the hospital for this purpose, many alterations were required, and the County Council gave sanction for their architect, Mr. H. G. Crothall, to act for the Board in an advisory capacity, which he continued to do until his death. At first provision was only made for 24 patients to be sent in by the various constituent councils, and the first patient was received on July 30th, 1912.

Subsequently, arrangements were made with other outside authorities, viz., Croydon, who sent 84 cases; Hertfordshire, who sent 49 cases; the London County Council, &c., and the Middlesex Insurance Committee whose cases were very carefully selected by the County Medical Officer, who also acted as intermediary between the Board and the Insurance Committee, until the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis was vested entirely in the Council. As the number of cases from Middlesex gradually increased, all agreements with outside authorities were terminated, and since January, 1916, only Middlesex cases have been admitted. At first only comparatively early cases were dealt with, with consequent low mortality; but in 1917, 26 male ‘hospital’ beds were provided, and this number was gradually increased till April, 1920, when the whole of the 54 beds in the “main” were devoted to ‘hospital’ cases.

The whole of the south side is given up to male ‘sanatorium’ cases, mostly of advanced type.

The female beds, 66 in number, are on the north side. It is not possible here to set aside any definite section for ‘hospital’ cases; but, owing to the necessity for such provision, it was arranged

in February, 1922, to take these cases also ; the relative number of ‘ sanatorium ’ and ‘ hospital ’ cases are, therefore, variable at any given time.

Naturally, with the variation in type of case, the mortality has risen and also the number of staff employed, and the cost of maintenance. The accommodation then is—

Men.		Women.	
Hospital	Sanatorium.	Hospital & Sanatorium.	
54	66	66	= 186 total.

Both the north and south, and the ‘ main ’ have a recreation room attached. Since the opening for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis till the end of 1930—7,628 cases have been admitted ; all except 141, being from Middlesex. During the year 1930, 339 were admitted, 207 were discharged, and 128 died, leaving 177 cases in on January 1st, 1931, of which 114 were males and 63 females. Practically all the cases are adults ; formerly there were children and a school was provided for them, but on the opening of Harefield in 1921, all the children were transferred there.

Heating and Hot-water Supply.—Heating was done by means of 9 sectional boilers and pipes ; and the hot-water supply from calorifiers supplied with steam from two Cornish boilers. Since the County Council has taken over, the whole system has been altered, the calorifiers and sectional boilers have been done away with and the Cornish boilers converted into hot-water boilers, the water being driven round the building by electrical turbine. The necessary steam for laundry and cooking is being supplied by the erection of two vertical steam boilers. The water, derived partly from well and partly from the Barnet Water Company, which is normally very hard, is being softened by the erection of a “ Permutit ” water softening plant.

Sewage Disposal.—Sewage from the main hospital building passed into the District Council’s sewer, and that from the other buildings was dealt with on the site, but in April, 1922, the whole of the sanatorium was connected with the District Council’s sewer. Sewage now flows by gravitation to the lower part of the site, and is then driven into the mains by compressed air. In 1929 the County Council improved the plant by the installation of a second air compressor, thus providing a stand-by in the event of one breaking down and also giving an opportunity of using them alternately.

Staff.—The staff quarters, which were opened in December, 1915, owing to the increase of staff necessitated by the type of cases, are proving quite inadequate, and plans are being prepared for alterations to the present buildings and the erection of a new nurses’ block.”

STATISTICAL SURVEY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT DURING 1930 UNDER THE COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

The tables appearing on the pages which follow are those prescribed by the Ministry of Health for the purpose of the annual statistical returns of the authority. As will be seen, they contain a most detailed and at the same time comprehensive mass of information regarding the operation of the Council’s scheme. Table I refers to the work carried out at or in connection with the dispensaries, Table II deals with the extent of institutional treatment provided, and Table III indicates the immediate results of such treatment. Table IV is, perhaps, the most interesting and instructive, as it endeavours to show in statistical fashion the after-history and ultimate fate of all tuberculous persons who have come under public medical treatment. The tables have not yet been long enough in use to enable any definite conclusions to be drawn from them, but in course of time Table IV will be, to a very large extent, a criterion of the efficiency or otherwise of an authority’s scheme, indicating, as it will do, the proportion of cases first coming under treatment during any one year, which ultimately become cured.

Reference to Table III on page 125 shows that during the course of the year seven patients in the *Class T.B. minus* died in various institutions. A patient placed in *Class T.B. minus*, i.e., one in whom tubercle bacilli have never been demonstrated in the sputum, may as a general rule be considered to be a person in an early stage of the disease, and death, therefore, is not to be anticipated. In these circumstances some further information regarding the seven cases referred to is desirable. Particulars of the patients coming within this category who died in the course of the year are as follows :—

Sputum negative on 6 occasions.	
Cause of death—Pneumonia and bronchiectasis	1
Sputum negative on 3 occasions.	
Cause of death—Pulmonary tuberculosis and cardiac failure	1
Sputum negative on several occasions.	
Cause of death—Carcinoma of pancreas and deposits in liver and spinal cord	1
Tuberculosis of peritoneum	1
Cardiac failure	1
No sputum available.	
Cause of death—Abdominal and lung disease found	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis and cardiac failure	1

In order to appreciate the information contained in these tables, it is necessary to have in mind the precise meaning of the terms occurring therein, many of which are used in a special sense. Information on this matter is given below.

DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION.—Patients diagnosed as suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis are placed in the following categories :—

Class T.B. minus, viz., cases in which tubercle bacilli have never been demonstrated in the sputum ; and

Class T.B. plus, viz., cases in which tubercle bacilli have at any time been found. It should be noted that a patient originally in *Class T.B. minus* must be transferred to *Class T.B. plus* at any stage in the course of treatment if and when tubercle bacilli are found ; while, on the other hand, a patient who is once placed in *Class T.B. plus* can never revert to *Class T.B. minus*. *Class T.B. plus* is further subdivided into three groups as follows :—

Group 1.—Cases with slight constitutional disturbance, if any, *e.g.*, there should not be marked acceleration of pulse nor elevation of temperature except of very transient duration ; gastro-intestinal disturbance or emaciation, if present, should not be excessive.

The obvious physical signs should be of very limited extent as follows :—Either present in one lobe only and, in the case of an apical lesion of one upper lobe, not extending below the second rib in front, or not exceeding an equivalent area in any one lobe ; or where these physical signs are present in more than one lobe, they should be limited to the apices of the upper lobes and should not extend below the clavicle and the spine of the scapula.

No complication (tuberculous or other) of prognostic gravity should be present. A small area of dry pleurisy does not exclude a case from this group.

Group 3.—Cases with profound systemic disturbance or constitutional deterioration, with marked impairment of function, either local or general, and with little or no prospect of recovery.

All cases with grave complications, whether tuberculous or not, are classified in this group, *e.g.*, diabetes, tuberculosis of larynx or intestine, &c.

Group 2.—All cases which cannot be placed in Groups 1 and 3.

Patients suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis are classified according to the site of the lesion as follows :—

- (1) Tuberculosis of bones and joints.
- (2) Abdominal tuberculosis (*i.e.*, tuberculosis of peritoneum, intestines or mesenteric glands).
- (3) Tuberculosis of other organs.
- (4) Tuberculosis of peripheral glands.

Patients suffering from multiple lesions are classified in one sub-group only, viz., in that applicable to the case which stands highest in the table.

Observation Cases.—Persons attending at, or in connection with, the dispensaries, in whose cases the tuberculosis officer cannot, within a period of one month from his first examination of the case, come to a definite diagnosis after physical examination and the application of the necessary tests. (These cases appear on Table I, A and B, under sub-section *b*.)

Quiescent.—Cases which have no symptoms of tuberculosis and no signs of tuberculous disease except such as are compatible with a completely healed lesion, and in which sputum, if present, is free from tubercle bacilli.

Arrested.—In pulmonary cases the term “arrested” is applied only to cases which have been “quiescent” for a period of at least two years.

In non-pulmonary cases the term “arrested” is used as soon as there is reason to believe that the disease is unlikely to recur.

Cured.—No patient is deemed to be “cured” until in the case of pulmonary tuberculosis, five years, and, in the case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, three years, have elapsed without any symptoms of active disease (*i.e.*, arrest has been maintained for three years).

TABLE I.

Return showing the work of the Dispensaries during the year 1930.

Diagnosis.	Pulmonary.				Non-Pulmonary.				Total.			
	Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
A.—*New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts):—												
(a) Definitely tuberculous	583	422	12	18	52	51	63	46	635	473	75	64
(b) Doubtfully tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	29	15	7
(c) Non-tuberculous ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	470	479	213	186
B.—Contacts examined during the year:—												
(a) Definitely tuberculous	44	41	3	4	3	4	6	7	47	45	9	11
(b) Doubtfully tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	5
(c) Non-tuberculous ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	254	297	298
C.—Cases written off the Dispensary Registers as												
(a) Cured	79	75	19	24	18	14	32	25	97	89	51	49
(b) Diagnosis not confirmed or non-tuberculous (including cancellation of cases notified in error)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	621	762	529	501
D.—Number of Persons on Dispensary Registers on December 31st:—												
(a) Diagnosis completed	2,001	1,447	170	121	204	221	270	201	2,205	1,668	440	322
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	21	13	8
1. Number of persons on Dispensary Registers on January 1st	4,596				9. Number of patients to whom Dental Treatment was given, at or in connection with the Dispensaries				—			
2. Number of patients transferred from other areas and of "lost sight of" cases returned	253				10. Number of consultations with medical practitioners:—							
3. Number of patients transferred to other areas and cases "lost sight of"	534				(a) At Homes of Applicants ..				198			
4. Died during the year	680				(b) Otherwise				4,502			
5. Number of observation cases under A (b) and B (b) above in which period of observation exceeded 2 months	50				11. Number of other visits by Tuberculosis Officers to Homes ..				812			
6. Number of attendances at the Dispensaries (including Contacts) ..	14,874				12. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to Homes for Dispensary purposes				16,341			
7. †Number of attendances of non-pulmonary cases at Orthopædic Outstations for treatment or supervision	147				13. Number of							
8. Number of attendances, at General Hospitals or other Institutions approved for the purpose, of patients for					†(a) Specimens of sputum, &c., examined				2,022			
(a) "Light" treatment	1,875				(b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work				611			
†(b) Other special forms of treatment	838				14. Number of Insured Persons on Dispensary Registers on the 31st December				2,674			
					15. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on the 31st December				103			
					16. Number of reports received during the year in respect of Insured Persons:—							
					(a) Form G.P. 17				54			
					(b) Form G.P. 36				17			

*A.—New Cases. The totals include 14 "cured" cases returned for treatment or observation during 1930.

†Item 7.—These are Heatherwood Hospital ex-patients who have attended the after-care clinic at Farringdon General Dispensary.

†Item 8 (b).—In addition to this figure, there were 576 attendances of patients at the County Sanatorium, Harefield, for artificial pneumothorax refills, but none of these patients was detained overnight.

†Item 13 (a).—In addition to this number, 48 examinations of sputum were made at the request of local medical practitioners, in respect of patients who were not on the dispensary register.

TABLE II.—RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) *Average Number of Beds available for Patients during the Year 1930.*

—	Observa- tion.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		Total.
		“Sana- torium” Beds.	“Hospital” Beds.	Disease of Bones and Joints.	Other Conditions.	
Adult Males	9	248	62	39	9	367
Adult Females	7	183	39	26	20	275
Children under 15	8	56	1	115	35	215
Total	24	487	102	180	64	857

(b) *Return showing the Extent of Residential Treatment during the Year 1930.*

—	In Institutions on Jan. 1.	Admitted during the year.	Discharged during the year.	Died in the Institutions.	In Institutions on Dec. 31.
Number of patients—					
Adults—					
Males	339	735	578	150	346
Females	258	566	486	86	252
Children—					
Males	85	98	86	2	95
Females	70	101	77	6	88
Number of Observation Cases					
Adults—					
Males	4	73	76	—	1
Females	1	73	72	—	2
Children—					
Males	2	66	64	—	4
Females	5	47	50	—	2
Total	764	1,759	1,489	244	790

TABLE III.

Return showing the immediate results of treatment of patients* and of observation of doubtful cases discharged from Residential Institutions during the year 1930.

Classification on admission to the Institution.		Condition at time of discharge.	Duration of Residential Treatment in the Institution.												Total.
			Under 3 months.			3—6 months.			6—12 months.			More than 12 months.			
			M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Class T.B. minus.	Quiescent	18	10	5	16	20	8	2	2	10	—	2	2	95
		Improved	16	18	4	20	16	1	7	—	6	1	1	2	92
		No material improvement	7	11	3	2	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	31
		Died in Institution ..	1	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
	Class T.B. plus. Group 1.	Quiescent	12	4	—	16	14	—	7	2	—	1	1	—	57
		Improved	39	29	—	56	56	—	27	17	—	8	4	—	236
		No material improvement	12	15	—	16	15	—	8	5	—	3	4	—	78
		Died in Institution ..	18	5	—	6	6	—	3	4	—	5	2	—	49
	Class T.B. plus. Group 2.	Quiescent	8	4	—	11	6	—	4	4	—	1	1	—	39
		Improved	36	24	—	47	27	—	34	13	—	9	6	—	196
		No material improvement	17	25	—	21	20	—	12	10	—	2	5	—	112
		Died in Institution ..	23	18	—	15	9	2	13	4	1	6	3	—	94
	Class T.B. plus. Group 3.	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
		Improved	3	4	—	13	9	—	4	5	—	3	2	—	43
		No material improvement	12	5	—	8	7	—	1	10	1	3	2	—	49
		Died in Institution ..	40	12	—	4	8	—	7	7	—	4	2	—	84
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Bones and Joints.	Quiescent or Arrested	1	1	1	—	1	8	2	1	6	3	3	11	38
		Improved	—	5	3	—	2	3	2	—	8	4	6	10	43
		No material improvement	2	2	3	2	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	1	15
		Died in Institution ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	5
	Abdominal.	Quiescent or Arrested	1	1	6	1	2	6	—	1	2	—	2	1	23
		Improved	—	1	8	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	12
		No material improvement	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4
		Died in Institution ..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Other Organs.	Quiescent or Arrested	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	7
		Improved	—	1	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
		No material improvement	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
		Died in Institution ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	Peripheral Glands.	Quiescent or Arrested	—	1	1	1	2	4	—	1	10	1	1	1	23
		Improved	1	—	6	1	—	4	1	1	2	—	—	1	17
		No material improvement	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			Under 1 week.			1–2 weeks.			2–4 weeks.			More than 4 weeks.			
Observation for purpose of diagnosis.	Tuberculous	3	5	—	5	3	3	1	1	10	—	—	9	40	
	Non-tuberculous	7	6	1	49	39	2	9	15	19	—	2	66	215	
	Doubtful	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	7	

* The definition of " patient " does not include persons in whom a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis has not been made.

Lost sight of or otherwise removed from Dispensary Register		702	343	286	82	711	155	105	69	19	193	111	101	74	24	199	91	79	60	23	162	66	57	50	17	124	28	25	21	11	57
<i>Dead—</i>																															
Adults—																															
Males	...	108	196	354	396	946	36	66	115	103	284	19	57	104	81	242	18	52	97	79	228	6	40	76	71	187	13	16	45	53	114
Females	...	63	99	199	242	540	27	25	95	87	207	23	52	89	57	198	15	36	90	42	168	16	29	65	55	149	10	13	29	27	69
Children—																															
Males	...	3	5	4	6	15	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	—
Females	...	15	1	5	6	12	3	—	6	6	12	1	1	3	2	6	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	2	3	5	—	—	1	—	1
Totals		2,329	1,156	1,164	781	3,101	367	284	368	231	883	307	333	343	179	855	297	314	365	161	840	289	373	352	174	899	315	326	354	156	836

(b) NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Annual Return showing in summary form the condition of all Patients whose case records were in the possession of the Dispensaries at the end of 1930, arranged according to the years in which the Patients first came under Public Medical Treatment, and their classification as defined on page 121.

Condition at the time of the last record made during the year to which the Return relates.	Previous to 1926.					1926.					1927.					1928.					1929.					1930.				
	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.	Bones and Joints.	Abdominal.	Other Organs.	Peripheral Glands.	Total.
<i>Alive—</i>																														
Discharged as cured—																														
Adults—																														
Males ...	46	11	14	12	83	3	2	1	—	6	1	1	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	24	14	3	17	58	2	1	1	1	5	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Children—																														
Males ...	65	29	12	50	156	2	2	—	4	8	—	2	—	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	55	11	13	59	138	—	2	1	5	8	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Disease arrested—</i>																														
Adults—																														
Males ...	17	1	4	6	28	5	—	2	1	8	7	—	2	1	10	6	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	7	1	4	4	16	4	3	2	2	11	8	3	1	2	14	5	3	3	5	16	3	2	1	3	9	—	—	—	—	—
Children—																														
Males ...	22	6	3	8	39	7	1	1	3	12	8	9	3	11	31	10	5	—	13	28	3	4	—	—	12	1	1	—	—	3
Females ...	16	4	4	7	31	4	2	1	6	11	4	5	—	6	15	3	3	1	2	9	2	1	1	5	9	—	—	—	—	1
<i>Disease not arrested—</i>																														
Adults—																														
Males ...	21	—	4	2	27	1	—	1	—	2	9	—	4	—	13	10	1	2	—	13	15	2	6	2	25	27	7	10	6	50
Females ...	12	—	8	1	21	8	1	—	1	9	6	2	5	2	21	11	3	5	2	21	8	9	5	3	25	21	10	9	4	44
Children—																														
Males ...	17	2	3	1	23	6	1	—	—	9	8	2	—	—	10	8	1	1	11	21	28	5	—	7	40	32	10	1	18	61
Females ...	16	—	5	2	23	6	—	—	3	9	9	1	1	1	12	15	—	1	3	19	19	2	2	11	34	23	5	2	18	48
Transferred to Pulmonary ...	4	1	2	4	11	3	—	—	1	4	—	1	2	2	5	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

In the first column of Table IV on page 126 are grouped those persons who first came under public medical treatment previous to 1926. By the end of 1930, therefore, every member of this group then living had been under observation for at least five years, and the majority for considerably longer periods. The total number of pulmonary cases in the group under consideration is 5,430, but of these a large number, 1,416, have been lost sight of, either on account of their having left the County, or because they have signified they no longer desire public medical treatment, or for a variety of other reasons. Deducting this number, together with a small number of persons whose condition, for some reason, could not be ascertained during the year, there remains a balance of 4,014 patients, the condition of whom was known at the end of 1930.

These may be analysed as follows :—

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS. Class.	Total number for whom record is available.	Disease cured.		Disease arrested.		Dead.		Not arrested.	
		No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.
T.B. minus ..	1,626	936	57	369	23	189	12	132	8
T.B. plus, Gp. I.	812	207	25	127	16	301	37	177	22
T.B. plus, Gp. II	878	55	6	60	7	562	64	201	23
T.B. plus, Gp. III	698	9	1	6	1	650	93	33	5
All Classes ..	4,014	1,207	30	562	14	1,702	42	543	14

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The scheme which the Middlesex County Council has adopted to deal with the problems of the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases, is based upon a utilisation of the resources of the general and special voluntary hospitals of the metropolis. From every part of Middlesex one or more of such hospitals are accessible without much difficulty ; and, moreover, a considerable proportion of Middlesex residents travel daily to London to their work. Having these considerations in mind, the County Council in 1916 entered into a joint scheme with the London County Council and the councils of the surrounding counties and county boroughs, by the terms of which patients resident within the areas of any of the participating authorities receive treatment for venereal diseases at certain of the London hospitals, the cost being shared between the authorities on the basis of user. The parties to the joint agreement are the counties of London, Middlesex, Buckingham, Essex, Hertford, Kent and Surrey, and the county boroughs of Croydon, East Ham and West Ham.

The scheme has proved very satisfactory in operation, and periodical conferences between the medical officers of the participating authorities have enabled such improvements or amendments, as experience has shown to be desirable, to be incorporated in the scheme from time to time. In addition to being a member of the joint scheme, the County Council has entered into an agreement with the authorities of the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, whereby a venereal diseases clinic is in operation thereat, which serves the needs of the somewhat densely populated area in the north-eastern part of the County. The schedule on pages 132 and 133 gives information regarding hospitals at which out-patient clinics are available for the free treatment of sufferers from venereal diseases. It will be seen that the provision, which has been made for diagnosis and treatment, is extensive ; the arrangements which exist at many of the hospitals on the list whereby clinics remain open throughout the day provide a service of great value in the control of venereal diseases. Included in the scheme is in-patient accommodation at many of the hospitals in London in order to deal with cases of such severity as call for institutional treatment, and hostels are provided for the accommodation of expectant mothers whose pregnancies are complicated by venereal diseases. Information as to the extent to which these facilities, both for out-patient and in-patient treatment, have been utilised by Middlesex residents at each of the hospitals in the scheme during the past year is given in the table which appears on page 134.

The total number of Middlesex new patients dealt with during the year was 2,601, an increase of 273 on the total for 1929. Of these cases, 492 were suffering from syphilis (an increase of 50), 5 from soft chancre (an increase of 2), 1,041 from gonorrhœa (a decrease of 68), whilst 1,063 (an increase of 289) were found not to be suffering from venereal disease. The attendances of Middlesex patients totalled 65,253 (an increase of 8,308), and the number of in-patient days of treatment was 2,630 (an increase of 376).

The extent of the work carried out under the Joint Scheme may be judged from the fact that the total number of *new cases from all areas* dealt with at the London hospitals during 1930 was 26,869 (an increase of 2,083), of which 5,225 (an increase of 294) were suffering from syphilis, 11,123

(an increase of 349) gonorrhœa, 359 (an increase of 79) soft chancre, while 10,162 (an increase of 1,361) were found to be not suffering from venereal disease.

The attendances totalled 836,219 (an increase of 67,347), and the number of in-patient days of treatment was 51,216 (a decrease of 304). Twenty-five Middlesex women (an increase of 7) in an infective condition were accommodated in hostels during their pregnancies, and occupied beds for an aggregate of 2,985 days (an increase of 831) or 9·8 per cent. of the total of all participating authorities.

On page 135 is set out a tabulated statement showing the number of Middlesex new cases treated during the past five years, classified according to the type of venereal infection from which they were suffering. The steadily increasing numbers of cases treated is not to be interpreted as necessarily indicating an increasing incidence of venereal disease, but rather points to a greater readiness on the part of the public to avail themselves of the facilities for advice and treatment which the County Council has provided. The marked proportional increase in the number of attendances made is gratifying as an indication of a growing appreciation on the part of infected persons of the need for protracted treatment.

In order that knowledge of the facilities afforded by the Council's scheme may be widespread throughout the County, since the inception the County Medical Officer has circularised all medical practitioners in the County each year, pointing out the provisions of the scheme, enclosing a series of leaflets and forms in connection therewith, and forwarding a list, similar to that set out on pages 132 and 133, giving information as to the hospital facilities available. In the case of local medical officers of health the hospital list is offered in poster form, and as many copies for display as may be desired are supplied. Practising midwives in the County, similarly, are supplied annually with information as to the scheme, and the list of hospitals, with days and times at which patients should attend, is forwarded to each.

An annual grant is paid to the British Social Hygiene Council by the County Council, and the former arranges for the carrying out of press propaganda by the insertion of suitable articles and notices in newspapers circulating in the County. Lastly, the County Council pays the cost of lectures, &c., provided by the British Social Hygiene Council on the subject of venereal diseases, if such lectures are desired or approved by the local district council in the area in which it is proposed they should be given.

Under the Council's scheme medical practitioners (subject to certain conditions of approval laid down by the Ministry of Health), may receive free supplies of arsenobenzene compounds for the treatment of their own patients.

The number of doctors practising in Middlesex who applied during 1930 to be placed on the approved list was 5. The total number now is 76. In addition to these there is a considerable number of doctors in London, by many of whom Middlesex residents are treated, who also are on the list of approved practitioners.

All doctors in practice in the County may, without cost, consult with the medical officers of the treatment centres, receive instruction at the centres in modern methods of treatment of venereal diseases, and obtain reports on pathological materials submitted for examination.

The number of pathological examinations of specimens submitted by private practitioners in respect of Middlesex residents during 1930 was as follows :—

—					Hospitals in Joint Scheme.	Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham.	Total.
For detection of spirochaetes	..	..	..	..	1	11	12
For detection of gonococci	..	..	..	..	192	105	297
For Wasserman reaction	..	..	..	..	803	592	1,395
Other examinations	..	..	..	..	106	—	106
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,102	708	1,810

No evidence came to the notice of the County Council which pointed to the treatment of patients suffering from venereal disease by persons other than duly qualified medical practitioners, nor was there evidence of any other breach of the Venereal Diseases Act, 1917.

VENERAL DISEASES.

List of Hospitals at which clinics are available for the free treatment of patients

Name and address of Hospital.	Department.	Days and times of clinics.					
		Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
HOSPITALS IN LONDON. Albert Dock Royal Albert Docks, E. 16.	Males Females	9 a.m.—6 p.m. —	9 a.m.—5 p.m. —	9 a.m.—4 p.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m. —	9 a.m.—6 p.m. —	9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. —
Guy's St. Thomas-street, S.E. 1.	Males, females and children ...	Daily treatment between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Bank Holidays 10 a.m. to noon.					
Hospital for Sick Children ... Great Ormond-street, W.C. 1. }	Male and female children ...	9 a.m.—10 a.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—10 a.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—10 a.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—10 a.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—10 a.m. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—10 a.m. —
King's College Denmark-hill, S.E. 5.	Syphilis—Males Females Gonorrhoea (Clap)—Males ... Females	— — 2 p.m. 6 p.m.	5.30 p.m. 5 p.m. — —	11.30 a.m. 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.	2.30 p.m. 2 p.m. 5 p.m. —	11.30 a.m. 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.	— — — —
Whitechapel (L.C.C.) Clinic ... Turner-street, Mile End.	Males, females and children ...	Daily treatment between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sundays—Intermediate treatment 10 a.m.—1 p.m. and 4 p.m.—7 p.m.					
Metropolitan Kingsland-road, E. 8.	Males and females	6 p.m.—7 p.m.	—	Noon—1 p.m. Intermediate treatment daily.	—	6 p.m.—7 p.m.	—
Middlesex Berners-street, W. 1.	Skin Syphilis—Males and females ... Gonorrhoea—Males Females	— 5.30 p.m.—7 p.m. — 6 p.m.—7 p.m.	1.30 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. —	— — Daily treatment by arrangement. Daily treatment by arrangement.	— 5 p.m.—8 p.m. — 6 p.m.—8 p.m.	1.30 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. —	— — — —
Miller General Greenwich, S.E. 10.	Males and females	Daily treatment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.					
Royal Free Gray's Inn-road, W.C. 1.	Females and children	10 a.m.—7 p.m.	10 a.m.—7 p.m. Intermediate treatment daily between 7 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.	10 a.m.—7 p.m.	10 a.m.—7 p.m.	10 a.m.—7 p.m.	10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Royal London Ophthalmic (Moor- fields) City-road, E.C. 1.	Males Females	5.30 p.m. —	— —	— 1 p.m.	— —	5.30 p.m. —	— —

Dispensary.	Address.	Sexes.	Time.	Remarks.
Royal Northern Holloway-road, N. 7.
St. George's Hyde Park-corner, S.W. 1.
St. John's (Lewisham)... Morden-hill, Lewisham, S.E. 13.
St. Mary's Cambridge-place, Paddington, W. 2.
St. Paul's Endell-street, W.C. 2.
St. Thomas's Westminster Bridge-road, S.E. 1.
Seaneu's... Greenwich, S.E. 10.
South London for Women South Side, Clapham Common, S.W. 4.
University College Gower-street, W.C. 1.
West London Hammer-smith-road, W. 6.
Westminster Broad Sanctuary, S.W. 1.
HOSPITAL IN MIDDLESEX. Prince of Wales's Tottenham, N. 15.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Statement of Work done by Individual Hospitals in connection with Middlesex Patients during 1930.

Hospital.	NEW CASES.					Total attendances.	No. of in-patient days.	Arsenobenzene compounds. Doses given.
	Syphilis.	Soft Chancre.	Gonorrhoea.	Not V.D.	Total.			
Gt. Ormond Street ..	7	—	2	118	127	998	470	475
Guy's	8	—	29	21	58	839	172	41
King's College	—	—	—	2	2	46	—	—
London (6 months) ..	2	—	4	11	17	737	37	23
Metropolitan	2	1	11	8	22	345	—	11
Middlesex	12	—	40	8	60	2,371	9	240
Royal Free	17	—	60	86	163	2,118	197	167
Royal London Oph- thalmic	21	—	6	—	27	446	109	178
Royal Northern	90	1	212	91	394	9,479	65	747
St. George's	6	—	23	5	34	483	32	87
St. Mary's	58	—	99	41	198	2,698	28	428
St. Paul's	12	—	73	87	172	7,541	160	107
St. Thomas's	31	3	87	151	272	5,879	329	471
Seamen's	2	—	1	—	3	24	—	5
South London for Women	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	—
University College ..	21	—	41	5	67	3,628	—	236
West London	118	—	240	324	682	20,490	681	1,231
Westminster	3	—	6	1	10	412	—	14
Salvation Army Mothers Children's, Waddon ..	—	—	2	2	4	149	49	—
Whitechapel Clinic (6 months)	—	—	3	—	3	—	250	—
Whitechapel Clinic (6 months)	3	—	4	—	7	450	—	18
Joint London Hospitals, Totals	413	5	943	961	2,322	59,168	2,588	4,479
*Prince of Wales's, Tottenham	79	—	98	102	279	6,085	42	598
GRAND TOTALS ..	492	5	1,041	1,063	2,601	65,253	2,630	5,077

* These figures do not include 68 new cases not residents of the County but treated at the hospital, the cost being borne by the Middlesex County Council under the agreement with the hospital.

MIDDLESEX Patients treated at

	London Hospitals.					Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham.†					Richmond Hospital.*				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Number of persons dealt with at the Clinics for the first time and found to be suffering from :—															
Syphilis	335	380	382	380	413	60	45	59	62	79	26	6	—	—	—
Soft chancre	8	3	11	1	5	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gonorrhoea	821	892	874	1,010	943	79	103	95	99	98	58	12	—	—	—
Not suffering from V.D. ..	609	735	814	661	961	82	70	86	113	102	41	11	—	—	—
Total ..	1,773	2,010	2,081	2,052	2,322	221	218	242	276	279	126	29	—	—	—
Total attendances ..	38,744	44,604	49,658	51,877	59,168	5,129	5,400	4,937	5,068	6,085	3,437	978	—	—	—
Number of “in-patient” days of treatment	3,383	4,347	2,192	2,154	2,588	99	303	172	100	42	—	—	—	—	—
Number of doses of arseno- benzene compounds given ..	3,791	3,990	4,402	3,881	4,479	390	240	450	437	598	397	105	—	—	—

* This clinic was closed on 19th April, 1927.

† These figures do not include patients not residents of the County, but treated at the hospital, the cost being borne by the Middlesex County Council under the agreement with the hospital.

APPENDIX I.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL DURING 1930, PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF.

RESIDENT—

Medical Superintendent and Surgical Director—

Lieut.-Col. Spencer Mort, M.D., Ch.M.(Glasg.), F.R.C.S., F.R.S.(Edin.), F.C.S.(Lond.).

Deputy Medical Superintendent—

A. W. Gregorson, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.(Glasg.).

Assistant Surgeon—

R. L. Galloway, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.(Edin.).

Second Assistant Surgeon—

K. A. K. Hudson, M.B., Ch.M.(Sydney).

Assistant Medical Officers—

R. V. Horniman, M.B., Ch.M.(Sydney).

H. O. Blauvelt, M.D., C.M. (Dalhousie), F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

W. Freeborn, M.B., Ch.M.(Sydney), M.M.S.A.(Lond.).

C. R. McCash, M.B., Ch.B.(St. And.), F.R.C.S.(Edin.).

Temporary Assistant Medical Officers—

H. K. Houston, M.B., B.S.(Sydney).

P. J. Nagle, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.(Dublin).

D. Simpson, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.).

Medical Officer for Special Duties—

Miss E. A. Pennycuik, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.).

Matron—

Miss A. Dowbiggin, M.B.E., R.R.C.

Assistant Matron—

Miss E. R. Wheeldon.

NON-RESIDENT—

Visiting Advisory Physicist—

Prof. Sidney Russ, C.B.E., D.Sc., F.Inst.P.

Throat Surgeons—

L. G. Brown, M.C., M.A., M.D.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

F. D. Cairns, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.(Edin.).

Massage and Electricity—

P. Figdor, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.).

Radiologists—

E. E. Holdsworth, M.B., Ch.B.(Leeds), D.M.R.E.

N. P. Henderson, M.D., Ch.B.(Glasg.), D.M.R.E.

Pathologist—

T. H. C. Benians, F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

Anæsthetists—

F. P. de Caux, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.(Eng.).

J. H. T. Challis, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.(Eng.).

Surgeon Oculist—

Miss F. Ramsay, M.D., B.S.(Durham), D.P.H., D.O.M.S.(Lond.).

Dentist—

G. E. Royston, L.D.S., R.C.S.(Eng.).

HISTORY.

- 1910.—Opening of the hospital with 500 beds, as a separate unit, under a whole-time medical superintendent, matron, and steward, by the special order of the Rt. Hon. John Burns, M.P.
- 1915.—Conversion of the hospital into Edmonton Military Hospital, with accommodation up to 2,000 beds, and auxiliaries up to 4,000 beds—the largest military hospital in the Eastern Command, which is the largest area in England. Over 45,000 military patients treated.
- 1920.—Military organisation ceased, and hospital was reorganised for civilian purposes, with about 950 beds, with 230 beds for infirm cases in Edmonton House.
- 1921.—Local councils joined in the maternity scheme ; the first Poor Law hospital to be authorised, by permission of the Ministry of Health, to conduct full council maternity services, and the only hospital in the area with beds for councils for ante-natal and maternity services.
- 1922.—Inauguration of out-patient department, where ex-service pensioners were still being treated.
- 1925.—Ex-service pensioners ceased attending.
- 1928.—Opening of “ Edgbury ” convalescent home of 84 beds. This is now used by the County Council as a general convalescent home and is no longer reserved for North Middlesex Hospital cases.
- 1929.—Opening of 50 beds for temporary accommodation of children at Chase Farm Schools. These beds are still in use.
- 1930.—Opening of radium and deep-therapy X-ray treatment centre, and laying of foundation stone of new wing of nurses’ home, by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health.
- Transfer of the Hospital and associated establishments to the Middlesex County Council.
- Opening of additional operating theatre.
- Plans prepared for extra accommodation by the conversion of a block at Chase Farm Schools for the accommodation of about 36 chronic patients.

GENERAL FIGURES.

Year ended 31st March.	Total admissions, including Births.	Total Births, not including Still Births.	Highest Number of Patients in Year.	Lowest Number of Patients in Year.	X-ray Treatments.	Total Number of Out-Patients, excluding Pensioners.
1911 (8 mos.) ..	1,761	67	—	—	—	—
1912	2,655	112	—	—	—	—
1913	2,594	93	—	—	—	—
1914	2,432	83	—	—	—	—
1915	5,786	105	—	—	—	—
War period—figures not comparable.						
1921 (5 mos.) ..	1,947	117	722	603	—	—
1922	5,398	464	880	775	—	—
1923	6,143	608	936	807	1,443	2,383
1924	6,907	743	1,004	816	2,261	4,482
1925	6,907	744	969	814	2,610	5,039
1926	7,487	805	945	756	2,523	6,658
1927	8,688	871	965	786	3,406	8,700
1928	8,822	878	963	786	3,944	11,559
1929	9,797	988	958	764	6,075	17,583
1930	10,443	1,020	968	781	6,061	26,956
31st Dec., 1930 (9 mos.) ..	8,216	862	979	808	5,109	22,650

These general figures represent the total work of the hospital for a period of years. A comparison of the figures for 1st April to 31st December, a period of nine months only, with the rest of the table shows a continued increase in expansion and growth of all departments. It is very important to notice that in this report all the figures quoted are for a period of nine months, and if this is borne in mind, the real increase may be seen as against what may appear to be a diminution in the figures regarding the working of the departments.

A study of the above figures will show that for the number of beds available (950) there has been a large turnover, and this means a great deal of work. The exact number of beds in hospital can never be given. It runs somewhere between 900 and 1,000, but at times when the greatest pressure is in the wards (in the winter) with all the regular routine work in addition to seasonal diseases

affecting the respiratory organs, &c., extra beds have to be put up, whereas, in summer time, when this pressure should not be quite so great, a great deal of open-air accommodation is more easily available on the balconies. It is, however, the turnover in acute cases which is the only true index of the work done.

The second column of births, &c., is very striking, showing the increase in popularity of the maternity department, which is now a large "hospital within a hospital."

In the third column it will be noted that there has been a higher number of patients in the wards than has been the case for the last seven years, and the same obtains in the lowest number of patients.

X-ray treatments do not represent actually the number, as certain of these treatments are given in cycles in connection with Roentgen deep-therapy, and these cycles comprise a large number of treatments. The deep-therapy treatments are excluded from these figures, and so many of these treatments are given now, that they will soon come up to, and outstrip, the ordinary X-ray treatments.

ADMISSIONS EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR.

Year.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930	919	948	944	936	856	883	928	883	919
1929	881	924	807	854	822	868	898	804	864

The figures for the corresponding periods in the previous year are given for comparison. This table clearly shows that in every month in the year admissions have been heavier than ever, illustrating the remarks already made on this matter.

MORTALITY.

Total number of deaths.. .. . 1,077

Under 1 Year.	1-3 Years.	3-16 Years.	16-40 Years.	40-50 Years.	50-60 Years.	60-70 Years.	Over 70 Years.
76	13	29	135	96	154	230	344
or percentage of total deaths—							
6·9	1·2	2·7	12·5	9·0	14·3	21·4	32·0

Number died within 48 hours of admission—125, or 10·7 per cent.

It will be seen that 53 per cent. of the total deaths occurred in patients over 60 years of age, and it must always be remembered that, in addition to ordinary medical and surgical cases, we have still to receive patients who have had every conceivable form of treatment elsewhere, and are sent here hopelessly incurable.

This should never be forgotten in a hospital of this nature, as unfortunately, it hampers the whole of the machinery. Cases of chronic illness cannot be turned from the hospital, and in time the actual number increases year by year, so that certain wards associated with, but not in, the hospital are full of cases who cannot under any circumstances be discharged, and where vacancies are in no way possible to relieve the main hospital, unless the hand of Providence steps in.

Thus the death-rate figure cannot be compared with any ordinary general hospital, where, in certain establishments, a patient who is in any serious condition of illness is frequently removed immediately to another establishment such as this, where we have the last responsibility in the treatment of hopeless cases. The death-rate, therefore, conveys no exact expression of the utility of the hospital as a whole, but presents partly the conclusion of cases from other hospitals, whose statistics benefit at our expense.

SURGICAL WORK.

Operations in the main theatres	1,829
Operations in the out-patient theatre	1,589
Total	3,418

The above figures only represent surgical work which has been done under general anæsthetic in the theatres, but a number of operations have been carried out in the wards and newer departments, some with, and some without anæsthetic. The nature of these operations will be seen on page 158, which gives a detailed list of operations performed. Also reference to page 150, table of surgical cases treated in the wards, will be found to give valuable information.

This has always been an acute surgical hospital, where patients in large numbers can be received for immediate operation, and we have to have a very able and competent surgical staff, on duty whole-time, to deal with this side of the work of the hospital. The regular theatre lists are increasing, and the emergency operations bear the same ratio.

Certain days are set apart for gynæcological operations. There is no special gynæcological hospital anywhere near the North Middlesex Hospital, and, therefore, most of the work in this part of Middlesex is done here, in certain wards which are set apart for the reception of these cases, which are very varied and very numerous. The result of this branch of operative work has been very successful, and there is a largely increasing number of applications for treatment of diseases peculiar to women.

MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work is divided in a number of wards for treatment of acute cases and pediatrics (diseases of children) and for the treatment of chronic ailments of every variety.

The medical work is particularly increased in the darker months of the year on account of pulmonary and cardiac conditions, and the sweeping effect of epidemics from time to time, when the health of the population is at a low ebb. At all seasons of the year, however, there are continually large numbers of medical cases under treatment, including very many who, in a chronic condition of illness, still require acute medical treatment, as well as those who require no active medical treatment, but merely bed-space. When this last number is removed, then the active medical work in the hospital will naturally be allowed to increase.

Attention should again be drawn to the number of mental deficient cases, who are put here in the first instance as a place of safety. These cases, in a good many instances, remain in this place of safety for far too long a period, as there is no special accommodation for them here, and they do not gain materially, except by being cared for, and they receive no special training, whereas the effect on other patients, who may be in the same ward, is very undesirable.

MENTAL PATIENTS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number remaining in on 31st March, 1930	10	19	29
Number of admissions during the 9 months	205	226	431
Number of discharges during the 9 months	102	107	209
Number sent to mental hospitals	101	123	224
Number died	7	9	16
Number remaining in wards on 31st December	10	19	29

These figures may be read with interest. The mental wards at this hospital are not so suitable as they might be, and there is a lack of airing space, but at the same time, it will be seen that a considerable portion of the cases sent in remain for treatment, and the patients are not sent further and certified to mental hospitals. There is not sufficient accommodation at present to deal with the voluntary boarders under the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, and after the usual routine of the conditions of the existing Lunacy Act (three-days order, or fourteen-days detention cases) a number of the patients are quite well enough to be discharged to the sick wards to recuperate, and ultimately to be discharged to their homes. In every report it is seen that the percentage of females removed to mental hospitals is greater than that of males, and the reason is, I think, associated with certain conditions of mental unbalance which occur in connection with various pelvic conditions, and their functions.

DISPENSARY.

Number of prescriptions made up :—

(a) In the main dispensary	75,397
(b) In the out-patient dispensary	9,956
Total.. .. .	85,353

MATERNITY DEPARTMENT.

Total number of deliveries	919
Number of still-births.. .. .	66
Number of live-births	853

Complicated Cases.

Cæsarean Section (5)—	(b) For eclampsia*	1
(a) For contracted pelvis*	(c) For placenta prævia*	1

* Mother and infant well.

Complicated Cases—(continued).

Complicated breech	6	Rigid cervix	7
Impacted shoulders	1	Rigid perineum	3
Delayed labour, ending in forceps	35	Albuminuria	39
Obstructed labour—		Cardiac	3
Ending in craniotomy	2	Eclampsia	7
Ending in episiotomy	3	Diabetes	1
Transverse lie	6	Pyelitis	4
Inductions, medical (87)—		Cystitis	1
For contracted pelvis	2	Hydramnios	12
„ disproportion	49	Hyperemesis	2
„ pre-natal death	4	Post-Encephalitis	1
„ post-maturity	7	Enlarged spleen	1
„ albuminuria	12	Accidental hæmorrhage	13
„ uterine inertia	9	Placenta prævia	15
„ scoliosis	1	Footling	1
„ hydramnios	1	Precipitate labour	1
„ hyperemesis	1	Retained placenta	11
„ eclampsia	1	Prolapsed cord	5
Inductions, surgical (31)—		Post-partum hæmorrhage	2
For contracted pelvis	2	Tuberculosis	1
„ disproportion	16	Asthma	1
„ post-maturity	2	Chorca	1
„ diabetes	1	Thrombosis	1
„ albuminuria	8	Difficult breech	4
„ uterine inertia	1		
„ vomiting	1		

Maternal Deaths.—3.

- (1) Obstructed labour (contracted pelvis), emergency admission.
- (2) Eclampsia (undelivered), emergency admission.
- (3) Eclampsia (delivered, baby living), emergency admission.

(All these cases were admitted too late to permit of adequate treatment.)

In association with the maternity ward, there are held weekly two largely attended ante-natal clinics, taking pre-eclamptic, cardiac, disproportion cases, and many other abnormalities (the obvious difficulties of child-birth). Greater attention has been given recently to the lesser conditions which might cause sepsis, such as dental caries, &c. With this attention, there is much increasing benefit and comfort to the individual patient, and the clinics are very popular, as the patients attending them get information from the medical officers and pupil-midwives, and indirect information from the friends they meet on the days they come up. Early examinations are asked for by the patients now, as they realise the advantages. Many patients are saved difficulty by entering for treatment, say, by induction, and the number of patients treated by “accouchement forcé” will diminish. There is, however, still too little respect paid in this country to early ante-natal care.

Recently, Prof. S. A. Gammeltoft, of the University of Copenhagen, has stated that in Scandinavia, where the maternal mortality is much less than in other countries in Europe, and where, also ante-natal care is utilised to the utmost, he does not think much more benefit can accrue, and is of the opinion now, that further diminution in the mortality rate will occur with increased tuition of the students and midwives.

My experience in England is that we have still too many cases sent in here as emergency cases (note that the three maternal deaths were all admitted in emergency). These patients have not cared, or have not been notified, to attend the ante-natal clinic, where the condition causing death could readily have been diagnosed and their life saved. Again and again this matter should be thrashed out as much as possible in public, so that in this country there may be a free wish on the part of every expectant mother to get the earliest possible attention, long before the actual date of her illness.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

No. of patients treated during the 9 months	22,650
No. of attendances	39,479

The out-patient department is not competitive with the practitioners in the district, and it will be noted that these cases are of a special nature, and as far as possible, medical cases which can be treated by private, panel, or district medical officers are not received, except in the case where the treatment would be rather expensive for a poor person.

THROAT, NOSE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

List of operations performed in this department :—

Removal of tonsils and adenoids in children (guillotine)	..	..	1,304
Dissection of tonsils and adenoids	..	..	66
Sub-mucous resection of septum	..	..	31
Oesophagotomy	..	..	1
Mastoidectomy	..	..	15
Foreign body from nose	..	..	1
Nasal polypi	..	..	6
Aural polypi	..	..	2
Incision of drum	..	..	1
Antrostomy	..	..	7
Middle turbinates (removal)	..	..	8
Double ethmoidectomy	..	..	1
Examination under anæsthetic	..	..	1

Some of these patients are in-patients, brought in for special throat, nose or ear operations, and may remain in the wards for a week or more. The majority, however, are out-patients, and in connection with the removal of tonsils and adenoids in children it will be noted that in the last few years we have come to about a stand-still in the increase of numbers. The reason is that since the inception of this treatment on a large scale, all the children of school age requiring treatment have been attended to, whereas now it refers mostly to new entrants subject to school medical examination. For a number of years we have had contracts existing with the Local Education Authorities in several districts for the purpose of dealing with this question of the health of school children.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Number of patients treated	..	..	724
Anæsthetics given	..	..	338
Teeth extracted	..	..	1,820

The cases in this department are restricted to patients in the wards, or poor patients who cannot afford dental treatment and who are unable to obtain aid from panel committees.

OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.

Number of attendances during the 9 months..	..	..	2,100
Refractions	..	..	242
Operations, major and minor	..	..	42

These cases are mostly out-patients, but the surgeon oculist sees many special cases of eye disease in the wards.

MASSAGE, ELECTRICAL AND ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Staff :—1 electro-therapeutic medical officer (part-time).
1 chief masseuse.
7 masseuses.

Electro-therapeutic and massage—

	Number.	Treatments.
In-patients	353	7,731
Out-patients	1,145	21,271
	1,498	29,002

Actino-therapeutic—

In-patients	104	1,057
Out-patients	303	8,789
	407	9,846

Here again it is largely a question of out-patient treatment, but, additionally, the massage staff attends in the wards of the hospital, and does a great deal of in-door treatment respecting patients in bed. A new contract is in force with the Edmonton District Council for the treatment of children by radiant heat and massage in cases where the surgeon of their orthopædic department desires this to be carried out. Increasing use of medical diathermy has necessitated the use of three machines.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Number of investigations made in this department :—

Histological	221
Biochemical	184
Clinical pathology	1,029
Bacteriological	1,246
Post-mortem examinations (special)	149

This department deals mostly with in-patients and its work has increased. The laboratory is very essential for the working of the hospital, and many clinical investigations have been carried out, which are of an expert character, requiring the services of a trained staff, and the results of these investigations are carefully co-ordinated with the clinical condition of the patient. New appliances including micro-photographic apparatus, have been added recently. The department is staffed by one part-time pathologist and one senior and two junior laboratory assistants.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

Number of examinations made :—

	Patients.	Attendances.
(a) For diagnosis	4,435	5,007
(b) For treatment (ringworm and skin cases)	33	102

The X-ray department is in process of removal.
The present apparatus consists of a 10 K.V.A. transformer, Philips “ B ” type Metalix tubes and Coolidge tubes, and the treatment machine is capable of an output of 150,000 volts. In addition, for the Roentgen deep therapy, are used Philips “ F ” type tubes, to be worked at a voltage of 200,000 or more.
A new building is in course of construction, and this, when completed, will be equipped with suitable apparatus.

RADIUM DEPARTMENT.

General—

Total radium treatments	98
Anæsthetics	81
Radium insertions	70
By mould	28
Histological sections	56
Photographs	127
Electro-coagulations	7
Total attendances for review and examination	924
Total milligramme hours	252, 307·18

Detail of Radium Cases.

	No. of Cases.	Treatments.
<i>Carcinoma—</i>		
Bladder	1	1
Cervix	15	45
Uterus	3	8
Vagina	1	3
Rectum-vagina	1	1
Breast	3	3
Tongue	4	4
Pharynx	1	1
<i>Epithelioma—</i>		
Leg	1	3
Face	1	2
Lip	2	3
Hand	1	1
<i>Rodent Ulcer—</i>		
Ear	1	1
Eye	2	2
Forehead	1	1
Neck	1	1
Nose	2	2
Face	3	3
<i>Other Conditions—</i>		
Menorrhagia	1	1
Lupus	1	1
<i>Nævi—</i>		
Chin and Ear	1	3
Back	1	2
Foot	1	1
Nose	1	3
Cheek	1	1
Arm and head	1	1
	52	98

Operations—

Perineal excision of rectum and colostomy	..	..	..	..	1
Removal of tumour, left breast	..	..	..	..	1
Colostomy for recto-vaginal fistula	..	..	..	..	1

Number of Roentgen deep therapy cases treated during the period of the report.

Carcinoma cervix	..	..	..	..	13	Epithelioma abdominal wall	..	..	1
„ left ovary (mass removed)	..	..	..	..	1	Carcinoma tongue	..	..	4
„ right breast	..	..	..	..	12	„ larynx	..	..	2
„ left breast	..	..	..	..	13	„ floor of mouth	..	..	1
„ both breasts	..	..	..	..	1	Epipharyngeal carcinoma	..	..	1
„ penis	..	..	..	..	1	Glands of neck	..	..	5
„ scrotum	..	..	..	..	1	Sarcoma of thigh (right)	..	..	1
„ left testis and tumour	..	..	..	..	1	Lymphatic glands	..	..	1
„ stomach	..	..	..	..	2	Carcinoma little finger	..	..	1
„ splenic flexure	..	..	..	..	1				—
„ sigmoid	..	..	..	..	1	Total number of patients	..	..	65
„ cæcum	..	..	..	..	1	Total number of treatments	..	..	440
						Total number of international Roentgen units	..	..	92,866

During the period of nine minths under review, this department has become very busy, and its work and patients tend to increase day by day, largely in view of the fact that cases from all the other hospitals under the Middlesex County Council are referring their patients here, specially, for information and treatment. Large numbers now attend the clinics when possible, or are seen at the bedside.

The results of treatment have been satisfactory, and as in this department radium work is carried out in conjunction with deep Roentgen therapy, electro-coagulation (surgical diathermy) and other methods, the results have been very successful, and are subject to special report.

In all cases of external cancers treated, there is so far a recovery rate of 100 per cent. These of course can be demonstrated visibly by photographic records. Other cases of carcinoma of the internal parts can be demonstrated only by figures, and later on by results shown as the years pass by, but in every suitable case for radium or deep-therapy treatment very good results have been obtained. The word “suitable” is used purposely, as there are very many unsuitable cases referred to the department which are not yet within the bounds of possibility of successful treatment, but which may yet be palliated.

In estimating the work of the X-ray and radium departments, figures of numbers of patients &c., do not account entirely for the work done, as a great deal of very accurate recording has to be done, especially by photography, and cinema photography, colour-plate work, &c., and this takes a great deal of time and the results are slow but very useful, giving, wherever possible, a definite record, and at times a visual one, of the exact progress of the patient.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The latest reports from the training school are very encouraging ; indeed, at the last examinations there were four lists of 100 per cent. successes :—

- (1) The preliminary examination of the General Nursing Conncil.
- (2) The final examination of the General Nursing Council.
- (3) The hospital final examination.
- (4) The examination of the Central Midwives Board.

The school gives general training for the admission to the State Register of the General Nursing Council, whilst special courses are conducted for qualified nurses to train for the Central Midwives Board examination.

In the department for maternity training, lectures are given by the medical superintendent, deputy medical superintendent, the obstetric surgeon, in addition to those given by the superintendent of the maternity ward and the sisters of the department. Additional demonstrations on special subjects are given by means of special operations, epidiascope, cinema films, biological specimens, &c., and every other way possible to stimulate the imagination of the pupil.

POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING.

A number of doctors from time to time attend the practice of the hospital, and, although no regular arrangement has been made, they are allowed to visit any department, and are made welcome.

Special demonstrations for medical societies are arranged as occasion permits, and the usual post-graduate work has been undertaken in connection with the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine, through the North-East London Clinical Society.

TABLE OF MEDICAL CASES TREATED DURING PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1930, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1930 (NINE MONTHS ONLY).

—	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Infective Diseases—</i>						
Actinomycosis	1	1	—	—	—	
Diphtheria	3	2	1	—	—	
Enteric	9	4	5	—	—	
Erysipelas	3	2	—	—	1	
Influenza	11	9	2	—	—	
Influenzal pneumonia	5	3	1	1	—	
Lobar pneumonia	80	40	14	20	6	
Malaria	1	1	—	—	—	
Miliary tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	1	
Morbilli	5	3	2	—	—	
Mumps	2	2	—	—	—	
Pertussis	5	—	5	—	—	
Pyæmia	1	—	—	—	1	
Pyrexia of unknown origin	1	1	—	—	—	
Rheumatism, acute	73	35	38	—	—	
Rheumatism, chronic	10	4	6	—	—	
Scarlet fever	3	1	2	—	—	
Septicæmia	6	—	—	—	6	
Tetanus	3	3	—	—	—	
Varicella	1	—	1	—	—	
<i>Disorders of Metabolism and Endocrine System—</i>						
Diabetes mellitus	15	5	6	1	3	
Exophthalmic goitre	8	—	5	1	2	
Gout	1	—	1	—	—	
Malnutrition	3	—	—	2	1	
Marasmus	10	3	1	5	1	
Myxœdema	1	—	1	—	—	
Prematurity	7	—	—	6	1	
<i>Nervous System—</i>						
Functional disorders—						
Amnesia	6	4	2	—	—	
Asthenia	17	2	14	1	—	
Cephalalgia	2	1	1	—	—	
Chorea	35	14	20	—	1	
Convulsions, infantile	3	2	1	—	—	
Epilepsy	42	29	13	—	—	
Fits	7	3	4	—	—	
Heat stroke	4	3	1	—	—	
Hyperæsthesia	1	1	—	—	—	
Hysteria	7	2	5	—	—	
Imbecility	1	—	1	—	—	
Jacksonian epilepsy	7	4	3	—	—	
Mental defects	19	8	11	—	—	
Neurasthenia	40	20	20	—	—	
Neurosis	64	9	55	—	—	
Psycho-neurosis	1	—	1	—	—	
Psychosis—						
Delusions of persecution	10	2	8	—	—	
Dementia præcox	3	2	1	—	—	
Mania, acute	4	—	4	—	—	
Melancholia	15	3	12	—	—	
Senile dementia	7	—	7	—	—	
Unclassified	272	122	150	—	—	

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Nervous System—contd.</i>					
Senility	122	22	34	8	58
Vertigo	2	1	1	—	—
Meninges—					
Meningitis—					
Meningococcal	5	2	—	—	3
Streptococcal	1	—	—	1	—
Tuberculous	12	1	—	2	9
Cerebral Blood Vessels—					
Embolus	2	—	2	—	—
Hæmorrhage	63	6	8	18	31
Thrombosis	57	8	14	21	14
Diffuse Affections of Cerebro-Spinal System—					
Disseminated sclerosis	6	2	3	—	1
Paralysis agitans	8	1	6	—	1
Paresis	5	1	3	1	—
Tabes dorsalis	7	6	—	—	1
Tabo-paresis	3	2	—	1	—
Brain—					
Abscess	4	—	—	4	—
Tumour	2	—	—	1	1
Diplegia	1	1	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica	12	4	3	1	4
Hemiplegia	45	12	5	17	11
Paraplegia	7	2	5	—	—
Spinal Cord—					
Myelitis	2	—	—	1	1
Poliomyelitis, acute	3	1	2	—	—
Caries	2	2	—	—	—
Progressive muscular atrophy	1	—	—	1	—
Peripheral—					
Neuralgia	3	1	2	—	—
Neuritis	8	5	3	—	—
Sciatica	5	3	2	—	—
<i>Blood, Lymph and Reticulo-Endothelial System—</i>					
Adenitis	16	9	7	—	—
Adenitis, tuberculous	2	2	—	—	—
Anæmia—					
Pernicious	10	—	4	1	5
Secondary	9	3	5	1	—
Leukæmia—					
Lymphatic	1	—	1	—	—
Myelocytic	1	—	1	—	—
Purpura—					
Hæmorrhagica	2	—	—	1	1
Henoch's	1	—	1	—	—
Hæmophilia	1	1	—	—	—
Lymphangitis	6	3	3	—	—
Polycythæmia rubra	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Circulatory System—</i>					
Disorders of Cardiac Function—					
Angina pectoris	3	—	2	—	1
Auricular fibrillation	14	4	7	2	1
Cardiasthenia	2	—	2	—	—
Cardiac failure	66	2	6	34	24
Cardio-renal disease	1	—	—	—	1
Cardio-vascular degeneration	17	—	1	8	8
Syncope	6	5	1	—	—

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Circulatory System—contd.</i>					
Heart—					
Carditis	14	1	12	—	1
Myocardium—					
Degeneration	57	3	8	25	21
Myocarditis	105	4	29	39	33
Pericardium—					
Pericarditis	3	1	1	1	—
Endocardium—					
Endocarditis—					
Acute infective	21	5	13	—	3
Chronic infective	8	2	2	—	4
Malignant	1	—	—	1	—
Heart Valves—					
Aortic regurgitation	3	1	2	—	—
Mitral regurgitation	4	—	2	2	—
Mitral regurgitation with stenosis ..	1	—	—	—	1
Mitral stenosis	16	6	6	3	1
Chronic valvular diseases	22	1	9	1	11
Great Vessels—					
Aneurysm—					
Aorta, thoracic	2	—	—	1	1
Aortitis—					
Syphilitic	1	1	—	—	—
Pulmonary embolism	1	—	—	—	1
Peripheral Vessels—					
Arterio-sclerosis	24	8	11	3	2
Atheroma	1	—	—	1	—
Arterio-vascular degeneration	7	—	—	7	—
Hyperpiesis	13	4	9	—	—
Phlebitis	27	5	22	—	—
Senile gangrene	3	—	—	1	2
Thrombo-phlebitis	2	2	—	—	—
Varicose veins	2	1	1	—	—
<i>Respiratory System—</i>					
Asthma	18	6	9	1	2
Cough	1	—	1	—	—
Dyspnœa	2	1	1	—	—
Nose and Throat—					
Coryza	1	1	—	—	—
Epistaxis	7	4	3	—	—
Pharyngitis	5	1	3	1	—
Sinusitis	1	1	—	—	—
Larynx—					
Syphilis	1	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis	1	—	—	1	—
Bronchi—					
Bronchiectasis	2	1	1	—	—
Bronchitis, acute	57	29	22	5	1
Bronchitis, chronic	109	52	27	21	9
Lung—					
Abscess	1	1	—	—	—
Broncho-pneumonia	106	35	36	22	13
Broncho-pneumonia, pneumococcal ..	1	—	—	1	—
Pleuro-pneumonia	20	14	5	1	—
Emphysema	5	2	3	—	—
Fibrosis	8	5	3	—	—
Hæmoptysis	10	4	6	—	—
Œdema	1	—	—	1	—
Tuberculosis	118	33	39	25	21

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Respiratory System—contd.</i>					
Pleura—					
Empyema	5	5	—	—	—
Hydrothorax	1	—	—	—	1
Pleurisy	23	17	6	—	—
Pleurisy with effusion	10	8	2	—	—
Pleurisy, diaphragmatic	2	—	2	—	—
Pleurisy, tubercular	3	3	—	—	—
Pneumothorax	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Digestive System—</i>					
Abdominal neurosis	2	—	2	—	—
Foreign body alimentary tract	5	5	—	—	—
Vomiting	2	—	2	—	—
Vomiting of pregnancy	6	—	6	—	—
Teething	1	—	1	—	—
Alveoli—					
Abscess	4	3	1	—	—
Hæmorrhage	7	4	3	—	—
Pyorrhœa	3	2	1	—	—
Mouth—					
Burns	1	—	1	—	—
Stomatitis	4	1	3	—	—
Tonsils—					
Peri-tonsillar abscess	6	3	3	—	—
Tonsillitis	12	4	8	—	—
Stomach—					
Dyspepsia	4	2	2	—	—
Gastritis	16	7	9	—	—
Gastro-enteritis	39	10	13	10	6
Gastralgia	2	—	2	—	—
Hæmatemesis	8	2	6	—	—
Hourglass	1	1	—	—	—
Ulcer	54	36	12	3	3
Lead Colic	2	2	—	—	—
Pylorus—					
Stenosis	3	2	1	—	—
Ulcer	14	5	9	—	—
Intestines—					
Appendicitis	27	12	15	—	—
Colic	2	1	1	—	—
Colitis—					
Mucous	6	—	6	—	—
Ulcerative	3	1	1	1	—
Constipation	59	18	41	—	—
Diarrhœa	6	3	3	—	—
Diarrhœa and vomiting	10	7	3	—	—
Diverticulitis	4	2	2	—	—
Duodenum—					
Ulcer	20	17	2	1	—
Enteritis	9	5	2	1	1
Jejunum—					
Ulcer	1	1	—	—	—
Malæna	3	1	2	—	—
Obstruction	2	—	1	1	—
Oxyuris vermicularis	2	—	2	—	—
Visceroptosis	3	1	2	—	—
Rectum and Anus—					
Fissure-in-ano	1	—	1	—	—
Prolapse	4	4	—	—	—

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Digestive System— contd.</i>						
Pancreas—						
Pancreatitis	1	—	1	—	—	
Liver—						
Catarrhal icterus	2	2	—	—	—	
Cirrhosis	10	4	1	4	1	
Hypertrophy	1	1	—	—	—	
Yellow atrophy	1	—	—	—	1	
Gall-Bladder—						
Cholangitis	1	—	1	—	—	
Cholecystitis	25	9	14	1	1	
Peritoneum—						
Ascites	3	2	1	—	—	
Peritonitis	1	—	1	—	—	
Tuberculosis	1	1	—	—	—	
<i>Urinary System—</i>						
Albuminuria	3	—	3	—	—	
Albuminuria of pregnancy	3	—	3	—	—	
Dysuria	1	—	1	—	—	
Hæmaturia	1	—	1	—	—	
Uræmia	12	—	—	8	4	
Incontinence	1	1	—	—	—	
Kidney—						
Colic	1	—	1	—	—	
Nephritis—						
Acute	16	8	8	—	—	
Chronic	22	6	8	2	6	
Interstitial	3	—	—	2	1	
Parenchymatous	1	—	—	1	—	
Nephroptosis	1	—	1	—	—	
Pyelitis	16	2	14	—	—	
Pyelitis of pregnancy	6	—	6	—	—	
Bladder—						
Cystitis	10	—	9	—	1	
Penis—						
Balanitis	1	1	—	—	—	
Urethra—						
Urethritis	1	1	—	—	—	
Prostate—						
Senile enlargement	11	8	—	3	—	
Prostatitis	1	1	—	—	—	
Testes—						
Epididymitis	1	1	—	—	—	
Orchitis	2	2	—	—	—	
Undescended	1	1	—	—	—	
<i>Locomotor System—</i>						
Bones and Joints—						
Charcot's joints	3	2	1	—	—	
Arthritis—						
Acute	2	—	2	—	—	
Chronic	7	—	7	—	—	
Gonococcal	1	1	—	—	—	
Osteoarthritis	26	7	18	—	1	
Polyarthritis	4	—	4	—	—	
Rheumatoid	40	9	30	—	1	
Spine—						
Lumbar and psoas abscess	5	3	2	—	—	
Scoliosis	2	—	2	—	—	
Spondylitis	2	2	—	—	—	

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Locomotor System—contd.</i>						
Tendons, Fasciæ and Muscles—						
Lumbago	6	2	4	—	—	
Myositis	4	2	2	—	—	
Pleurodynia	2	—	2	—	—	
<i>Cutaneous System—</i>						
Cicatrix	1	1	—	—	—	
Dermatitis	24	13	10	—	1	
Eczema	14	12	2	—	—	
Erythema nodosum	3	—	3	—	—	
Impetigo	36	25	11	—	—	
Insect bite	2	2	—	—	—	
Lupus	1	1	—	—	—	
Scabies	5	3	2	—	—	
Syphilis	1	—	1	—	—	
Ulceration, chronic	19	11	8	—	—	
Wasp sting	1	1	—	—	—	
<i>Poisons—</i>						
Alcoholism	10	7	3	—	—	
Carbolic acid	1	—	1	—	—	
Carbon monoxide	1	1	—	—	—	
Coal gas	9	4	3	—	2	
Crude paraffin	1	1	—	—	—	
Hydrochloric acid	2	2	—	—	—	
Hyoscin hydrobrom	1	1	—	—	—	
Lead	1	1	—	—	—	
Lysol	2	1	1	—	—	
Methylated spirits	1	1	—	—	—	
Phosphorus	1	—	1	—	—	
Mercury	1	1	—	—	—	
Ptomaine	9	4	5	—	—	
Quinine	1	—	1	—	—	
Zinc sulphate	1	—	1	—	—	
<i>Diseases of the Ear—</i>						
Mastoiditis	10	3	7	—	—	
Otitis media	35	15	20	—	—	
<i>Diseases of the Eye—</i>						
Cyclitis	1	1	—	—	—	
Corneal ulcer	5	4	1	—	—	
Conjunctivitis	2	2	—	—	—	
Heminopia	1	1	—	—	—	
Laceration cornea	1	—	1	—	—	
Onyx	1	—	1	—	—	
Retinitis	1	—	1	—	—	
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>						
Breast-fed infants	21	11	10	—	—	
Exhaustion	1	1	—	—	—	
Neglect	1	—	1	—	—	
Nil abnormal detected	9	7	2	—	—	
Unsubstantiated diagnosis	27	12	15	—	—	

TABLE OF SURGICAL CASES TREATED DURING PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1930, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1930
(NINE MONTHS ONLY).

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Malignant Growths*</i> —					
Carcinoma—					
Abdominal wall	5	1	1	2	1
Bladder	14	8	—	5	1
Breast	31	—	21	1	9
Cæcum	2	—	—	2	—
Cervix uteri	24	—	14	—	8
Cheek	1	—	—	1	—
Colon	19	4	2	9	4
Ethmoid	1	—	—	—	1
Fauces	2	2	—	—	—
Gall bladder	1	—	1	—	—
Hepatic flexure	1	1	—	—	—
Intestines	1	—	1	—	—
Larynx	3	—	—	2	1
Liver	10	—	4	3	3
Lung	2	1	—	—	1
Mouth	10	4	1	5	—
Œsophagus	6	1	—	2	3
Ovaries	5	—	2	—	3
Pancreas	3	1	1	—	1
Penis	3	1	—	2	—
Pharynx	2	2	—	—	—
Prostate	8	6	—	2	—
Rectum	21	2	5	10	4
Scrotum	2	1	—	1	—
Sigmoid colon	11	1	6	2	2
Splenic flexure	9	3	4	—	2
Spine	1	—	1	—	—
Stomach	46	10	6	19	11
Thyroid	1	—	—	—	1
Tongue	12	6	1	4	1
Tonsils	2	—	—	2	—
Vagina	1	—	—	—	1
Uterus, body	15	—	5	—	10
General carcinomatosis	3	—	2	1	—
Epithelioma—					
Lip	4	3	—	1	—
Sarcoma—					
Thigh	1	—	—	1	—
Myeloid sarcoma	1	—	1	—	—
Rodent Ulcer—					
Ear	2	2	—	—	—
Face	5	3	2	—	—
Eye	4	2	2	—	—
Neck (and senility)	3	—	2	—	1
Nose	2	2	—	—	—
<i>General Infections</i> —					
Pyæmia	1	—	—	—	1
Septicæmia	3	—	—	2	1
<i>Integuments</i> —					
Skin—					
Burns and scalds	30	15	14	1	—
Cicatrix	1	1	—	—	—
Dog-bite	2	2	—	—	—
Foreign body	3	3	—	—	—
Furunculosis	5	1	3	—	1

* Many of these were cases sent in “in extremis” for palliative treatment only.

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Integuments—contd.</i>					
Injuries—					
Abrasions, contusions and cuts ..	228	154	71	1	2
Multiple injuries	1	—	—	1	—
Cut throat	2	2	—	—	—
Lupus	1	1	—	—	—
Nails—					
Paronychia, suppurative	4	3	1	—	—
New growths—					
Adenoma, sudoriferous gland ..	1	1	—	—	—
Fibro-adenoma	2	—	2	—	—
Lipoma	2	1	1	—	—
Papilloma	3	1	2	—	—
Thyroglossal cyst	1	—	1	—	—
Mammary glands—					
Acute mastitis.. ..	16	—	16	—	—
Chronic mastitis	1	—	1	—	—
Sebaceous cyst	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Connective Tissue—</i>					
Cellular tissue—					
Carbuncle	12	8	2	2	—
Cellulitis	107	64	39	3	1
Hæmatoma	18	10	8	—	—
New growth—					
Neuroma	2	1	1	—	—
Bursæ—					
Bursitis, acute.. ..	21	9	12	—	—
Bursitis, prepatella	4	2	2	—	—
Fasciæ—					
Ganglion	2	—	2	—	—
Muscles and tendons—					
Cut tendon	8	5	3	—	—
Teno-synovitis, suppurative ..	2	1	1	—	—
<i>Bones and Joints—</i>					
Acquired deformities—					
Deformity of toes	1	—	1	—	—
Deformity of finger	1	1	—	—	—
Deformity of tibiæ	1	1	—	—	—
Hallux valgus	2	1	1	—	—
Talipes equinus	1	1	—	—	—
Talipes decubitus	1	—	1	—	—
Bones—					
Infections—					
Necrosis—					
Acromion.. ..	1	—	1	—	—
Mandible	1	1	—	—	—
Phalanx :. ..	2	2	—	—	—
Tibia	1	1	—	—	—
Osteomyelitis—					
Acute	27	20	5	1	1
Chronic	20	13	6	1	—
Syphilitic.. ..	1	1	—	—	—
Tuberculous	2	—	2	—	—
Tuberculous dactylitis	1	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis—					
Spine	4	3	1	—	—
Sternum	1	—	1	—	—
Osteitis	2	—	1	—	1
Epiphysitis	1	1	—	—	—
Periostitis	6	2	4	—	—

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Bones and Joints—contd.</i>					
New growth—					
Exostosis	2	1	1	—	—
Injuries—					
Fractures—					
Clavicle	20	13	7	—	—
Coccyx	1	1	—	—	—
Femur	53	24	17	4	8
Fibula	15	11	4	—	—
Humerus	29	20	8	1	—
Malleolus	2	1	1	—	—
Mandible	3	2	1	—	—
Metatarsus	7	6	1	—	—
Olecranon	3	3	—	—	—
Os calcis	2	2	—	—	—
Phalanges	3	3	—	—	—
Patella	9	4	5	—	—
Pelvis	8	7	1	—	—
Radius	6	4	2	—	—
Colles	13	4	9	—	—
Radius and ulna	15	11	4	—	—
Ribs	22	14	7	1	—
Scapula	1	—	1	—	—
Skull—					
Base	26	8	1	10	7
Vault	24	19	4	1	—
Tibia	23	19	3	—	1
Tibia and fibula	53	34	14	3	2
Pott's	9	3	6	—	—
Ulna	1	1	—	—	—
Vertebrae	4	2	2	—	—
Multiple	7	5	2	—	—
Mal-united	7	6	1	—	—
Old fracture	1	1	—	—	—
Forceps injuries	1	—	—	1	—
Plaster removal	1	1	—	—	—
Joints—					
Infections—					
Arthritis, suppurative	5	4	1	—	—
Tuberculosis	7	3	3	—	1
Injuries—					
Dislocations—					
Astragalus	1	—	1	—	—
Elbow	4	3	1	—	—
Finger	1	—	1	—	—
Shoulder	7	2	5	—	—
Thumb	2	2	—	—	—
Toe	1	1	—	—	—
Wrist	1	1	—	—	—
Sprains	3	2	1	—	—
Strains	9	5	4	—	—
Internal derangements—					
Torn semi-lunar cartilage	9	9	—	—	—
Unclassified	1	1	—	—	—
Synovitis knee	10	6	4	—	—
<i>Lymphatic System—</i>					
Lymphatic channels—					
Lymphangitis	5	4	1	—	—
Lymphatic glands—					
Adenitis, pyogenic	40	28	12	—	—
Hodgkin's disease	3	1	1	1	—
Tuberculosis	5	2	3	—	—

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Vascular System—</i>					
<i>Arterial System—</i>					
Aneurysm, traumatic	1	1	—	—	—
Embolism	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Gangrene—</i>					
Diabetic	9	4	4	1	—
Senile	5	1	1	1	2
Phagedæmatous	3	2	1	—	—
<i>Venous System—</i>					
Varicose veins	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Central Nervous System—</i>					
Concussion	33	20	13	—	—
Myasthenia, rachitic	1	—	1	—	—
Torticollis, congenital	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Peripheral Nervous System—</i>					
<i>Sensory Organs—</i>					
<i>Ear—</i>					
Acute otitis media	17	7	10	—	—
Acute mastoiditis	38	15	21	2	—
Polypus	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Eye—</i>					
<i>Cornea—</i>					
Foreign body	3	3	—	—	—
Keratitis	5	1	4	—	—
<i>Lens—</i>					
Cataract	4	1	3	—	—
<i>Iris—</i>					
Mydriasis	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Ciliary Body—</i>					
Irido-cyclitis	1	1	—	—	—
Glaucoma	5	2	3	—	—
<i>External Muscles—</i>					
Strabismus	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Lacrymal Apparatus—</i>					
Dacryo-cystitis	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Orbit—</i>					
Cellulitis	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Respiratory System—</i>					
<i>Septum—</i>					
Deflected	27	16	11	—	—
Polyp	6	1	5	—	—
Enlarged tonsils and deflected septum	2	1	1	—	—
<i>Sinuses—</i>					
<i>Ethmoid—</i>					
Ethmoiditis	1	1	—	—	—
<i>Frontal—</i>					
Sinusitis	2	2	—	—	—
<i>Maxillary—</i>					
Sinusitis	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Pleura—</i>					
<i>Empyema—</i>					
Acute	10	9	1	—	—
Chronic	2	2	—	—	—
<i>Alimentary System—</i>					
<i>Teeth and Gums—</i>					
Dental abscess	2	—	2	—	—
Dental caries	1	1	—	—	—

—	Total.	Discharged.		Died.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Alimentary System—contd.</i>					
Mouth—					
Ranula	2	—	2	—	—
Stomatitis, ulcerative	1	—	1	—	—
Tongue—					
Ulcer	1	1	—	—	—
Palate—					
Abscess	1	—	1	—	—
Tonsils—					
Tonsillitis	51	23	28	—	—
Tonsillitis and adenoiditis	66	30	36	—	—
Post operative hæmorrhage	26	8	17	1	—
Peri-tonsillar abscess	3	1	2	—	—
Salivary Glands—					
Parotid abscess	1	1	—	—	—
Œsophagus—					
Foreign body	1	—	1	—	—
Stomach—					
Adhesions	4	4	—	—	—
Hour-glass	1	—	1	—	—
Gastric ulcer	16	9	5	1	1
Gastric ulcer, perforated	15	10	2	3	—
Pyloric stenosis	6	3	2	1	—
Duodenum—					
Adhesions	2	2	—	—	—
Ulcer	8	7	1	—	—
Ulcer, perforated	14	7	—	7	—
Spleen—					
Rupture	4	2	—	2	—
Pancreas—					
Acute pancreatitis	4	—	3	—	1
Gall Bladder and Ducts—					
Cholangitis	2	—	2	—	—
Cholecystitis—					
Acute	12	5	5	1	1
Chronic	5	1	3	—	1
Cholecystitis with stone	25	2	22	—	1
Biliary fistula	2	—	—	—	2
Intestines—					
Appendicitis—					
Acute	173	86	87	—	—
With abscess	11	7	4	—	—
Acute, with general peritonitis	42	25	11	4	2
Gangrenous	49	25	23	1	—
Chronic	79	32	47	—	—
Appendicular abscess (appendix not found)	16	6	9	—	1
Constipation	10	4	6	—	—
Diverticulitis	2	—	—	2	—
Diverticulum	3	2	1	—	—
Enteritis, tuberculous	1	—	—	—	1
Hirschsprung's disease	1	—	—	1	—
Visceroptosis	4	—	4	—	—
Obstruction—					
Adhesions	5	3	1	1	—
Band	11	6	3	1	1
Intussusception	13	5	5	2	1
Scybala	1	1	—	—	—
Volvulus	6	2	2	1	1
Unclassified	4	—	—	2	2

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Alimentary System—contd.</i>						
Rectum and Anus—						
Abscess—						
Ischio-rectal	5	2	3	—	—	
Peri-anal	3	3	—	—	—	
Dyschezia	1	—	1	—	—	
Fibrosis sphincter	1	1	—	—	—	
Fissure-in-ano	1	—	1	—	—	
Hæmorrhoids	23	15	8	—	—	
Imperforate anus	1	1	—	—	—	
Prolapse rectum	1	—	1	—	—	
Peritoneum—						
Ascites	1	—	1	—	—	
Peritonitis—						
Acute general	13	—	5	4	4	
Pneumococcal	3	—	1	—	2	
Tuberculous.. .. .	4	2	1	1	—	
Hernia—						
Femoral	11	4	7	—	—	
Femoral, strangulated	13	4	6	2	1	
Inguinal	79	61	17	1	—	
Inguinal, strangulated	12	10	1	1	—	
Umbilical	1	1	—	—	—	
Umbilical, strangulated	6	2	—	3	1	
Ventral	16	9	7	—	—	
Ruptured viscus	2	1	—	1	—	
<i>Genito-Urinary System—</i>						
Symptomatic—						
Hæmaturia	8	7	1	—	—	
Retention	5	3	2	—	—	
Kidney—						
Calculus	3	1	2	—	—	
Contusion	1	1	—	—	—	
Cyst	1	—	1	—	—	
Hypernephroma	1	1	—	—	—	
Hydronephrosis	1	1	—	—	—	
Mobile kidney	1	1	—	—	—	
Perinephritis	2	—	1	—	1	
Pyelitis	3	—	3	—	—	
Pyelonephritis	10	4	1	5	—	
Pyonephrosis	3	1	1	—	1	
Pyonephrosis with calculus	4	1	3	—	—	
Renal colic	8	5	3	—	—	
Rupture, traumatic	1	—	1	—	—	
Urethra—						
Caruncle	2	—	2	—	—	
Stricture	4	4	—	—	—	
Ureter—						
Calculus	1	1	—	—	—	
Bladder—						
Calculus	4	3	—	1	—	
Cystitis	6	3	3	—	—	
Ectopia vesicæ	2	—	—	2	—	
Extravasation of urine	1	—	—	1	—	
Papilloma	2	2	—	—	—	
Pyelocystitis	2	—	2	—	—	
Supra-pubic fistula	3	3	—	—	—	
Tuberculosis	1	—	1	—	—	
Prepuce—						
Phimosis	16	16	—	—	—	

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Genito-Urinary System—contd.</i>						
Penis—						
Balanitis	2	2	—	—	—	
Laceration	1	1	—	—	—	
Prostate—						
Enlargement	21	15	—	6		
Fibrosis	1	1	—	—	—	
Testes—						
Epididymitis	3	3	—	—	—	
Epididymo-orchitis	2	2	—	—	—	
Trauma	1	1	—	—	—	
Undescended	4	4	—	—	—	
Scrotum—						
Hydrocele	1	1	—	—	—	
Spermatic cord—						
Hydrocele	8	8	—	—	—	
Varicocele	1	1	—	—	—	
Ovaries—						
Ovaritis	2	—	2	—	—	
Abscess.. .. .	2	—	2	—	—	
Adenoma	1	—	1	—	—	
Cyst—						
Dermoid	2	—	2	—	—	
Multilocular.. .. .	17	—	17	—	—	
Ruptured	1	—	1	—	—	
Twisted	4	—	4	—	—	
Fallopian tube—						
Ectopic gestation	9	—	9	—	—	
Hæmatosalpinx	1	—	1	—	—	
Pyosalpinx	7	—	7	—	—	
Salpingitis	15	—	15	—	—	
Tuberculosis	1	—	1	—	—	
Parametrium and adjacent peritoneum—						
Parametritis	4	—	3	—	1	
Perimetritis	3	—	3	—	—	
Adhesions	4	—	4	—	—	
Uterus—						
Symptomatic—						
Dysmenorrhœa	4	—	4	—	—	
Leucorrhœa	2	—	2	—	—	
Menorrhagia	2	—	2	—	—	
Metrorrhagia	7	—	7	—	—	
Functional—						
Sterility	1	—	1	—	—	
Endometrium—						
Endometritis	34	—	34	—	—	
Displacements—						
Prolapse	15	—	15	—	—	
Inversion	1	—	1	—	—	
Retroflexion	2	—	2	—	—	
Retroversion	18	—	18	—	—	
New growths—						
Polypus, adenomatous	1	—	1	—	—	
Myoma	2	—	2	—	—	
Fibromyoma	18	—	18	—	—	
Interstitial hyperplasia	1	—	1	—	—	
Cervix—						
Cervicitis	6	—	6	—	—	
Laceration	1	—	1	—	—	
Polyp—						
Fibromyomatous	1	—	1	—	—	
Mucous	3	—	3	—	—	

	Total.	Discharged.		Died.		
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
<i>Genito-Urinary System—contd.</i>						
Vagina—						
Prolapse—						
Cystocele	11	—	11	—	—	
Rectocele	4	—	4	—	—	
Malformation—						
Septum	1	—	1	—	—	
Vulva—						
Vulvitis	2	—	2	—	—	
Bartholin's gland—						
Abscess	3	—	3	—	—	
Cyst	1	—	1	—	—	
Papilloma	1	—	1	—	—	
Affections connected with pregnancy—						
Abortion—						
Complete	11	—	11	—	—	
Incomplete	75	—	75	—	—	
Septic	5	—	2	—	3	
Threatened	18	—	18	—	—	
Retained products of conception ..	97	—	97	—	—	
Hydatidiform mole	3	—	3	—	—	
Carneous mole	2	—	2	—	—	
Affections connected with parturition—						
Laceration perineum	2	—	2	—	—	
Affections consequent on parturition—						
Puerperal septicæmia	4	—	1	—	3	
Puerperal toxæmia	2	—	1	—	1	
Parametritis	3	—	3	—	—	
Perimetritis	3	—	1	—	2	
Pulmonary embolism	1	—	—	—	1	
Phlegmasia alba dolens	4	—	4	—	—	
Puerperal insanity	2	—	1	—	1	
Puerperium	1	—	1	—	—	
Post-partum eclampsia	1	—	1	—	—	
Placenta prævia	1	—	1	—	—	

MATERNITY SECTION.

	Total.	Discharged.	Died.
		Females.	Females.
Normal	755	755	—
Abnormal—			
Breech	8	8	—
Premature	12	12	—
Ante-partum hæmorrhage	6	6	—
Post-partum hæmorrhage	1	1	—
Hydramnios	3	3	—
Retained chorion	2	2	—
Retained membranes	2	2	—
Eclampsia	6	4	2
Placenta prævia	6	6	—
Medical induction	48	48	—
Surgical induction	27	27	—

	Total.	Discharged.	Died.
		Females.	Females.
Abnormal— <i>contd.</i>			
Craniotomy	3	2	1
Episiotomy	3	3	—
Cæsarian	3	3	—
Version	6	6	—
Forceps	38	38	—
Septicæmia	1	—	1
Others	6	6	—
Undelivered	21	21	—

Births—									
Born before admission (all live-births)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	
Live-births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	857	
Twins (live-births, 20 ; still-births, 4)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	
Still-births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	
Ante-partum eclampsia (undelivered) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Undelivered (discharged not in labour and not returning for delivery)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	
Infants—									
Living (born in hospital)	877	Discharged living	854						
„ (born before admission)	7	Died in hospital	29						
Still-born	63	Still-born	63						
		Remaining (spina-bifida)	1						
	947		947						

OPERATIONS PERFORMED IN MAIN THEATRE BY RESIDENT SURGICAL STAFF.

From 1st April, 1930 to 31st December, 1930 (nine months). Grand total, 1,829.

OPERATIONS : GASTRIC AND DUODENAL (68)—				Cholecystostomy for acute pancreatitis				1		
GASTRIC (37)—				Cholecystgastrostomy for obstructive						
Abdominal Sections—				jaundice				2		
Polya operations—various				6	HERNIOTOMY (138)—					
Gastrostomy				1						
Gastro-enterostomy for pyloric stenosis				5						
Shoemaker resection—lesser curve ulcer				2						
Sleeve resection—gastric ulcer				1					Femoral hernia	12
Resection for gastric and duodenal ulcer									Femoral hernia—strangulated	18
and gastro-enterostomy				1					Inguinal hernia	75
Suture perforated gastric ulcer				9					Inguinal hernia—strangulated	12
Gastro-jejunostomy with resection of									Umbilical hernia	3
gastric ulcer				5					Umbilical hernia—strangulated	2
Undoing of gastro-enterostomy				5					Epigastric hernia	2
Gastro-enterostomy for gastric cancer ..				1	Incisional hernia—abdominal wall ..	13				
Ramstedt's operation for congenital					Internal hernia	1				
pyloric stenosis				1	OPERATIONS FOR DISEASES OF SMALL INTESTINE (33)—					
DUODENAL (31)—										
Abdominal Sections—										
Suture perforated duodenal ulcer				19	Abdominal Sections—					
Suture perforated duodenal ulcer with					Adhesiolysis for peritoneal adhesions ..				10	
gastro-enterostomy				3	Adhesiolysis for peritoneal adhesions					
Gastro-enterostomy for duodenal ulcer				9	with acute obstruction				12	
OPERATIONS ON BILIARY PASSAGES (40)—					Resection and end to end anastomosis ..				1	
Abdominal Sections—					Amputation, &c., Meckel's diverticulum				2	
Cholecystectomy—various				32	Enterostomy for paralytic ileus				6	
Cholecystostomy				2	Resection and anastomosis for gangrene					
Choledochostomy for stone in common					n hernia				2	
duct				3						

OPERATIONS FOR DISEASES OF PERITONEAL
'CAVITY (48)—*Abdominal Sections—*Laparotomy and drainage for peri-
tonitis—

Tubercular 4

General—cause not defined 12

Volvulus 3

Pneumococcal peritonitis 2

Gastric syphilis 1

Laparotomy for inoperable carcinoma—
various 14

Laparotomy for visceroptosis 5

Laparotomy—exploratory 7

OPERATIONS FOR AFFECTIONS OF APPENDIX
(265)—*Abdominal Sections—*

Appendicectomy without drainage .. 168

Appendicectomy with drainage .. 77

Drainage of appendix abscess only .. 20

OPERATIONS FOR DISEASES OF COLON,
RECTUM AND ANUS (104)—*Abdominal Sections—**Anastomosis—*

Ileo-transverse colon for carcinoma .. 4

End to end after resection of carcinoma .. 7

Cæcostomy for colonic obstruction .. 12

Closure of stercoraceous perforation .. 1

Mikulicz's colostomy 1

Pelvic colostomy 6

Anastomosis—side to side for colonic
obstruction 3Abdomino-pelvic slinging for prolapsus
recti 1

Hemi-colectomy for carcinoma of cæcum .. 1

Abdomino-perineal resection for carci-
noma of rectum 4

Excision of cæcum for intussusception .. 2

Reduction—ileo-cæcal intussusception .. 8

Laparotomy for Hirschsprung's disease .. 1

Laparotomy for diverticulitis pelvic colon .. 1

Extra-abdominal Sections—

Ligature of hæmorrhoids 20

Cauterisation of hæmorrhoids 1

Sigmoidoscopy 20

Radical cure—

Fissure-in-ano 1

Fistula-in-ano 4

Operation for imperforate anus 1

Peri-anal injection for prolapsus recti .. 2

Diathermy for peri-anal papilloma 1

Diathermy for carcinoma of rectum 2

OPERATIONS ON URINARY TRACT (161)—

Abdominal Sections—

Nephrectomy—various 10

Nephrotomy 5

Nephropexy 1

Transplantation of ureters 2

Extra-abdominal—

Cystoscopy—

Exploratory 60

With pyelography 20

Circumcision 4

Supra-pubic cystostomy for drainage of
bladder 17

Dilatation—urethral stricture 7

Supra-pubic lithotomy 4

Supra-pubic prostatectomy 14

Suture of traumatic rupture of urethra .. 1

Internal urethrotomy 1

Catheterisation 1

Diathermy for prostatic tags 7

Diathermy for growths of bladder 7

OPERATIONS: MALE GENERATIVE (17)—

Radical cure—hydrocele 6

Radical cure—varicocele 1

Reposition of testis-undescended 6

Orchidectomy 3

Amputation of penis-carcinoma 1

GYNÆCOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (383)—

Curettage (228)—for

Retained Products of Conception .. 175

Endometritis 33

Dysmenorrhœa 6

Hydatidiform mole 1

Diagnostic 7

Uterine polypus 1

Puerperal endometritis 1

Inevitable abortions 4

*Operations for Prolapsus Uteri (25)—**Abdominal Sections—*

Perineorrhaphy and ventro-fixation .. 1

Perineorrhaphy and abdominal short-
ening of round ligaments 4Perineorrhaphy, anterior colporrhaphy
and abdominal shortening of round
ligaments 5*Extra-abdominal—*Perineorrhaphy and anterior colpor-
rhaphy 10Perineorrhaphy, anterior colporrhaphy
and amputation of cervix 3Perineorrhaphy, anterior colporrhaphy
and trachelorrhaphy 2*For Retroversion (17)—**Abdominal Sections—*Abdominal shortening of round liga-
ments—Gilliam 12Abdominal shortening of round liga-
ments—Webster-Baldy 3

Ventro-fixation 2

*Affections of Cervix (7)—**Extra-abdominal—*

Laceration—trachelorrhaphy 2

Chronic cervicitis—amputation 3

Vaginal myomectomy 1

Excision for cervical polypus 1

*Affections of Vulva and Vagina (7)—**Extra-abdominal—*

Excision—urethral carbuncle 2

Excision—Bartholinian cyst 1

Excision—lipoma-labia 1

Rupture of hymen 2

Excision—papilloma of vulva 1

*Cæsarean Section (5)—**Abdominal Sections—*

For contracted pelvis 3

,, central placenta prævia 1

,, uræmia 1

*Operations for Uterine Diseases (18)—**Abdominal Sections—*

Fibromyomata—myomectomy 3

Fibromyomata—sub-total hysterec-
tomy 3

Fibromyomata—total hysterectomy .. 4

GYNÆCOLOGICAL OPERATIONS—continued.

<i>Extra-abdominal—</i>				
Fibromyomata—pan-hysterectomy ..	3			
Fibrosis uteri—total hysterectomy ..	3			
Carcinoma uteri—				
Pan-hysterectomy	1			
Hysterography	1			
<i>Operations for Tubes and Ovaries (61)—</i>				
<i>Abdominal Sections—</i>				
Ruptured tubal pregnancies—				
Salpingectomy	7			
Salpingo-oophorectomy	3			
Pyosalpinx—				
Salpingostomy	7			
Double salpingectomy	2			
Single salpingo-oophorectomy ..	8			
Double salpingo-oophorectomy ..	5			
Sterility—double salpingostomy ..	1			
Varicocele-broad ligament—excision	1			
Ovarian cyst—				
Ovariectomy	17			
Salpingo-oophorectomy	3			
Twisted ovarian cyst—ovariectomy	2			
Carcinoma of ovary—ovariectomy ..	1			
Chronic ovaritis—ovariectomy ..	1			
Cystic ovary—partial ovariectomy ..	1			
Therapeutic sterility—ligature of				
fallopian tubes	2			
<i>Examinations under Anæsthesia (15)—</i>				
<i>Extra-abdominal—</i>				
Various	14			
Injection of lipiodal	1			
ORTHOPÆDIC OPERATIONS (241)—				
<i>Amputations—Various—</i>				
Leg or thigh	16			
Disarticulation at hip	1			
Arm	1			
Fingers	6			
Foot	5			
Arthroplasty—various	3			
Diaphysectomy—partial	1			
Excision—semi-lunar cartilage ..	8			
Removal of foreign body—knee-joint	1			
Excision—pre-patellar bursa ..	2			
Joint movements—forcible under anæsthesia	8			
Osteotomy for deformity of legs ..	2			
Incision and drainage—pre-patellar bursitis	11			
Plaster applications—fractures and joint				
diseases	31			
Fracture reduction	32			
Plating bones—for fractures, various ..	14			
Insertion of Steinmann's pin	6			
Removal of pin	1			
Plates—removal of	10			
Suture of fractured patella	4			
Removal of wire in patella	1			
Tendon lengthening—various	2			
Tenotomy, &c., for torticollis	1			
Tendon suture—				
Hand	3			
Wrist	1			
Leg	2			
Foot	2			
Operations for acute osteo-myelitis—				
various	28			
Sequestrectomy	21			

Reduction of dislocations	7
Removal—calcanean spur	1
Excision—Baker's cyst	1
Excision—ganglion	2
Arthrotomy and drainage	5
Excision—perforating ulcer of foot ..	1
OPERATIONS ON EAR, NOSE AND THROAT	
(43)—	
Myringotomy	3
Œsophagoscopy and removal of foreign	
body	2
Mastoid operation	25
Drainage of maxillary sinus	1
For naso-pharyngeal hæmorrhage ..	1
For arrest of tonsillar hæmorrhage ..	5
Excision—ranula	1
Exploratory œsophagoscopy	1
Diathermy—carcinoma of fauces	2
Diathermy—carcinoma of tongue	2
OPERATIONS ON THORAX (22)—	
Rib, resection and drainage for empyema	10
Thoracotomy, intercostal and drainage ..	3
Exploratory aspirations	2
Sub-phrenic abscess—drainage	1
Artificial pneumothorax	6
OPERATIONS ON NERVOUS SYSTEM (10)—	
Trepine for cerebral abscess, drainage ..	2
Exploratory craniotomy for tumour	2
Elevation of depressed fracture of skull ..	3
Ventricular puncture for ventriculography	2
Exploration of brachial plexus	1
OPERATIONS ON GLANDULAR TISSUES (29)—	
<i>Abdominal Section—</i>	
Splenectomy	1
<i>Extra-abdominal—</i>	
Dissection, block for carcinoma glands	2
Excision, carcinoma glands neck	2
Amputation of breast for chronic mastitis	2
Excision of adenoma of breast	2
Radical amputation of breast for carci-	
noma	11
Excision of breast tumour	1
Excision, tuberculous glands, neck	4
Removal of stone in sub-maxillary duct	1
Hemi-thyroidectomy (exophthalmic	
goitre)	1
Excision of thyroid cyst	2
PLASTIC OPERATIONS (12)—	
Various	1
Nævus	1
Reconstruction of abdominal wall	9
Cleft palate, &c.	1
ABSCESSSES, &C., INCISION AND DRAINAGE	
(133)—	
Various	105
Cellulitis—suppurative	22
Carbuncles	6

MISCELLANEOUS (82)—					OPERATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF RADIUM				
Carellization of wounds	..	..	..	4	WITH GENERAL ANÆSTHETIC—				
Debridement of wounds	..	..	..	34	Insertion of Radium for Carcinoma of—				
Excision, lipomata	..	..	..	3	Cervix	..	..	..	34
Excision, simple tumours	..	..	..	4	Uterus	..	..	..	8
Excision of gland for microscopy—Hodg-					Bladder	..	..	..	1
kin's disease	..	..	..	1	Lip	..	..	..	2
Suture of cut throat	..	..	..	3	Tongue	..	..	..	2
Evacuation of hæmatoma	..	..	..	1	Insertion of radium for lupus of lip	..			1
Wiring of fractured jaw	..	..	..	1	Radium Halsted operation for carcinoma				
Ligature of artery	..	..	..	3	of breast	..	..	..	2
Excision of sinus	..	..	..	1	Removal of radium from lip	..	..		2
Pericardotomy and drainage	..	..	..	1	Removal of radium needles	..	..		1
Removal of foreign body	..	..	..	7	This list does not include a large number of operations and manipulations with radium, in the department and in the wards, <i>without</i> general anæsthetic.				
Embolectomy for femoral embolus	..	..	..	1					
Skin-graft—various	..	..	..	6					
Removal of nail	..	..	..	1					
Repair of hare lip	..	..	..	1					
Diathermy for rodent ulcer	..	..	..	1					
Removal of portion of growth for micro-									
scopy	..	..	..	2					
Blood transfusions	..	..	..	7					

APPENDIX II.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF PARK ROYAL HOSPITAL DURING 1930, PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF.

Resident—

Medical Superintendent—
W. E. Turner, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Assistant Medical Officers—
T. G. I. James, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc.(Wales), F.R.C.S.(Eng. & Edin.),
N. M. Matheson, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), M.R.C.P.(Lond.)
A. D. Abdullah, M.B., Ch.M. (Syd.), M.R.C.P.(Lond.).

Matron—
Miss B. Gebhard.

Non-resident—

Radiologist (part-time)—
A. Flett, M.D.(Aberd.), D.M.R.E.(Camb.).

Physician—
C. M. Wilson, M.D.(Lond.), F.R.C.P.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon—
F. W. C. Capps, F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

Surgeon—
Julian Taylor, M.S.(Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Dental Surgeon—
J. J. Stevens, L.D.S.

Ophthalmic Surgeon—
A. Rugg-Gunn, F.R.C.S.(Eng.).

Park Royal Hospital is situated in the south-west corner of Willesden parish and it adjoins Acton parish to the south and Twyford to the west. It faces south, its gates open into Acton Lane and it has grounds of 60 acres. Willesden parish was separated from Hendon in 1896, and Park Royal Hospital, built as an infirmary, was opened in December, 1902, for the accommodation of 150 sick, the other wards being occupied by 280 workhouse inmates. Owing to the growth of the parish, the sick gradually ousted the other inmates, and in May, 1907, two blocks of 100 beds and a nursery block of 50 beds were added. These buildings allowed the hospital proper to be used entirely for sick.

In 1903 additional wards of 50 beds were added to the hospital, and in 1907 a dining hall for 800 and two blocks of 90 beds each for the aged and infirm.

In 1914, as the sick greatly preponderated, the Guardians placed the whole of the institution under a resident medical superintendent, who was appointed chief administrative officer (*i.e.*, master).

The hospital is electrically lighted and heated by its own plant and runs its own laundry. There is a nurses' home attached, which is built for 130 nurses.

Park Royal Hospital for many years has been a recognised training school for nurses.

There is a fully equipped and up-to-date operating theatre, a recent X-ray apparatus and also a portable set.

There is a separate maternity block with 14 beds and 14 cots.

The accommodation provided is 564 beds in the hospital, 88 male aged, 64 female aged, 50 in the nursery, 100 male house, and 43 female house, making a total of 909.

Year.							Number of Patients in Park Royal Hospital.		Total of Indoor Poor.
							Sick.	Other Wards.	
1901	..	..	..	..	..	..	114,811*	—	274
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	154,214*	186	456
1921	..	..	..	..	..	..	165,674*	380	250
1930	..	..	..	..	..	..	180,000†	626	135

* Census. † Estimated.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, &C., SINCE 1925.

Year ended Dec, 31st.	Total Admissions (including births).	Births.	Deaths.	Other Discharges.	Highest No. of Inmates.	Lowest No. of Inmates.
1925	2,758	194	431	2,281	—	—
1926	3,603	312	443	2,655	759	658
1927	3,087	295	452	2,650	787	653
1928	3,663	349	496	2,971	818	679
1929	3,767	397	595	3,258	844	673
1930	3,886	491	518	3,470	808	713

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS, ACCORDING TO AGE.

Ages (years).	Under 1.	1-3.	3-16	16-40.	40-50.	50-60.	60-70.	Over 70.
No.	63	23	12	52	40	59	99	170

Total, 518

CLASSIFICATION OF ADMISSIONS OF PATIENTS ACCORDING TO DISEASE.

	Adults.	Children Under 16.
Acute infectious disease	14	31
Influenza	12	54
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	75	3
„ non-pulmonary	3	3
Malignant disease	84	6
Rheumatism, acute	26	7
„ subacute	12	8
„ chronic	19	1
Venereal disease	2	1
Puerperal pyrexia	10	—
Puerperal fever	—	—
Diseases of child bearing	31	18
Mental diseases	74	1
Senile decay	80	—
Accidents and violence	364	90
Nervous and sense organs	148	38
Respiratory system	230	125
Circulatory system	264	4
Digestive system	273	104
Genito-urinary system	123	14
Skin diseases	55	35
Other diseases and maternity	669	40
Healthy, including newly-born infants ..	130	620

For the accommodation of the above there are :—

Acute medical beds :	Acute surgical beds :	Acute children's cots :
Male, 50. Female, 50.	Male, 50. Female, 50.	Male and Female, 30.

but there are acute cases in all the other wards overflowing from the above.

ANÆSTHESIA.

General.	Intrathecal.	Local.	Nitrous oxide.	Total.
525	115	155	14	809

OPERATIONS.

Major, 377. Minor, 597. Total, 974.

<i>Stomach and Intestines—</i>					Vaginal removal of fibroid.. .. .	2
Laparotomy	23	Colpo-perineorrhaphy	3			
Appendicectomy	109	Trachelorrhaphy and perineorrhaphy ..	2			
Drainage appendix abscess	4	Amputation of cervix uteri and perineorr-				
General peritonitis	8	haphy	1			
Gastrectomy	6	Perineorrhaphy	5			
Gastro-enterostomy	9	Evacuation of uterus (incomplete abortion)	60			
Jejunostomy	2	Diagnostic curettage	8			
Gastrostomy	2	Section from cervix for diagnosis	4			
Perforated peptic ulcer	12	Mastitis (incisional).. .. .	17			
Colostomy (obstruction)	7	Tubal induction of labour	14			
Abdomino-perineal excision of rectum ..	1	Examination under anæsthesia	12			
Enterostomy	1	Incision of Bartholin's abscess	4			
<i>Kidney and urinary organs—</i>					Placenta prævia (vaginal plugging)	2
Nephrectomy	2	<i>Chest—</i>				
Nephrolithotomy	1	Resection of rib (empyema)	14			
Pyonephrosis (drainage of)	2	Drainage sub-phrenic abscess	1			
Ureteral calculi (removed).. .. .	1	<i>Head, neck and spine—</i>				
Prostatectomy	4	Mastoidectomy and exploration of sinus	5.			
Supra-pubic cystotomy	10	„	9			
„ lithotomy	2	Skull, trephine (fracture)	2			
Diverticulum of bladder	1	Laminectomy	3			
Nephropexy	1	Tracheotomy	2			
<i>Liver, gall bladder, &c.—</i>					Laryngotomy	1
Cholecystectomy	6	Bronchial cyst	1			
Cholecystotomy	8	Excision—glands of neck	1			
Cholecystectomy and gastro-enterostomy	1	<i>Bones, joints, tendons—</i>				
<i>Herniæ—</i>					Open reduction of fracture	5
Radical cure, incisional hernia (Gallie's		Bone plating, femur	1			
graft)	1	Repair, fracture patella	6			
Radical cure, inguinal hernia	22	Cyst excised, upper diaphysis of humerus	1			
„ „ umbilical hernia	1	Semi-lunar cartilage	1			
Hydrocele and orchidectomy	6	Removal of foreign body from knee-joint	1			
Strangulated umbilical hernia	2	Sequestrectomy	3			
„ „ femoral hernia	1	Repair of torn tendons	6			
„ „ inguinal hernia	6	Exploration of tibia	1			
„ „ „ „ (re-		Excision of tibia	1			
section of gut)	1	<i>Amputations—</i>				
<i>Female generative and genito-urinary organs—</i>					Upper extremities	2
Pan-hysterectomy	3	Lower extremities	7			
Sub-total hysterectomy	6	Toes or fingers	7			
Salpingo-oophorectomy	1	<i>Minor operations—</i>				
Salpingectomy (ectopic gestation)	2	Cystoscopy	55			
Ruptured uterus sutured	1	Cystoscopy with ureteric catheterisation	22			
Ovariectomy	6	Sigmoidoscopy	11			
Laparotomy, carcinoma ovaries	1	Tonsillectomy with curettage of adenoids	31			
Bonney's operation for retroversion ..	3	Skin grafting	8			
Sterilisation (cardiac)	1	Dental extractions (mostly multiple) ..	74			
Pelvic peritonitis (salpingitis) abdominal		Excision of hæmorrhoids	5			
section-drainage	12	Suturing of lacerated wounds	28			
Cæsarian section	1	Incision of cellulitis, abscesses, &c. ..	72			
Radical amputation of breast	2	Dissection of tonsils	1			
Excision of cyst of breast	1	Excision sebaceous cysts	6			

MATERNITY DEPARTMENT.

No. of confinements—									
Relieving officer's and master's orders					..	..	..	..	135
Willesden Urban District Council cases					..	..	..	..	374
Total					..	..	..	..	509
No. of live-births					..	..	..	..	495
No. of still-births					..	..	..	..	20
Multiple confinements					..	..	..	..	6
Maternal deaths					..	..	..	..	4

MATERNITY DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Causes of maternal deaths—					Causes of death of infants within 10 days—				
Ruptured uterus and bladder	..	..	1		Prematurity and feebleness	..	..	8	
Placenta prævia	..	..	2		Intracranial injury	..	..	1	
Sapraemia and pyelitis	..	..	1		Hare lip and cleft palate	..	..	1	
Total				4	Total				10
					Abnormalities of delivery—				
Causes of still-births—					Unreduced occipito-posterior	..	..	4	
Placenta prævia	..	..	5		Transverse lie	..	..	2	
Ruptured uterus and bladder	..	..	1		Face	..	..	1	
Ruptured uterus and albuminuria	..	..	1		Forceps	..	..	19	
Prolapse of cord	..	..	1		Adherent placenta	..	..	9	
Breech	..	..	4		Placenta prævia	..	..	7	
Transverse lie	..	..	1		Ruptured uterus and bladder	..	..	1	
Prolonged second stage	..	..	1		Ruptured uterus	..	..	1	
Macerated foetus	..	..	4		Cæsarean section	..	..	1	
Premature twin	..	..	1		Induction	..	..	10	
Premature	..	..	1		Albuminuria	..	..	14	
Total				20	Pyelitis	..	..	2	
					Eclampsia	..	..	2	
					Epilepsy	..	..	2	
					Puerperal insanity	..	..	1	

RADIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Radiographs taken	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,861
Screenings	..	..	..	..	..	..	223
Including barium meals	..	..	..	..	..	..	119
X-ray therapy treatments	60

ULTRA VIOLET RAY DEPARTMENT.

Treatments given	606
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MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.

Patients treated	284
Massage treatments	4,834

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

Treatments given	372
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MENTAL PATIENTS.

Admitted on mental orders	103
Certified for hospital treatment		73
Discharged well, uncertified	..	..	..	..	..	30

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

Out-patient attendances	..	..	..	..	..	553
Out-patients admitted	..	..	..	..	..	27

APPENDIX III.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF REDHILL HOSPITAL
DURING 1930, PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK OF THE HOSPITAL.

The statistical tables deal with this section in detail.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

The number of special departments remains unchanged. The work of all has increased.

X-Ray.

Owing to an increase in the work of this department it was found necessary to engage the services of the radiologist for an additional weekly session. Since February, Dr. G. Simon has attended twice a week, viz., on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

A new X-ray couch and new screening stand have been supplied, and Metallix tubes substituted for Coolidge tubes. Excellent results are obtained with the new apparatus.

The accommodation allotted to the department has long been inadequate.

Maternity.

During the past year the services of two medical officers have been required each Monday afternoon at the ante-natal clinic to deal with the increasing number of women attending. The majority of admissions is *via* the ante-natal clinic. For the third year in succession there has been a great increase in the number of maternity cases admitted. During August and September the department worked to capacity.

On the 1st October the number of maternity beds was increased from 21 to 25, and infants' cradles from 19 to 25.

Ear, Nose and Throat.

Patients suffering from diseases of the ear, nose and throat are nursed in every ward of the hospital, the maternity ward excepted. The number treated each year steadily increases and is now sufficiently large to warrant the reservation for ear, nose and throat cases of special wards staffed by nurses trained in the speciality. If such special wards existed the length of stay in hospital of these cases would be appreciably shortened, a number of beds in other wards would become available for ordinary cases and the work of some wards, which is particularly heavy by reason of the presence of these special cases, would be lightened.

In April, 1929, arrangements were made with the Hendon Education Committee for the operation for removal of tonsils and adenoids to be performed at this hospital on a certain proportion of children, considered by the school medical officers, to be in need of such. During the past year 176 children were admitted under this arrangement. In November, owing to an increase in the number of patients sent for removal of tonsils and adenoids, both by school medical officers and other doctors, arrangements were made for the operations to be performed on two mornings each week. Children admitted at 5 p.m. on Monday for operation on Tuesday, are discharged at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, and those admitted at 5 p.m. on Wednesday for operation on Thursday, are discharged at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Dental.

In order to facilitate the work of this department, permission was given in November to engage the dental surgeon for an extra session each week, when and if required. During the year Mr. J. A. Hudson has been called upon to treat a large number of cases of fractured jaw. The results he has obtained by the application of jaw splints have been exceptionally good.

Pathological.

The medical officers and the dispenser-biochemist are responsible for the routine examinations. Specimens for bacteriological, histological and for certain investigations of a special nature, are sent to the University College Hospital Pathological Laboratory.

In 1929 permission to employ an apprentice to the dispenser was granted by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. On the 1st January, 1930, the apprentice appointed commenced her training. The more elementary pathological examinations are now done by her.

BEDS.

On the 1st January, 1930, there were 201 beds. On the 1st April the number was increased to 205 by the addition of 4 children's cots.

On the 1st October 7 infants' cradles (maternity) and 1 ordinary bed (female) were added, thus bringing the number up to 213, which remains the total to-day.

In a building designed for 175 beds there are to-day 213 beds fully equipped. There is overcrowding in some wards. The male and female isolation wards are always overcrowded. The children's ward is, more often than not, overcrowded. Owing to closure of the isolation block attached to the children's homes, sick children from the homes are now admitted to hospital. These increase the congestion in this department. At times the maternity wards become dangerously overcrowded. No more beds can be added, with safety, to any ward.

MEDICAL MEETINGS.

On 21st March and on 11th June the Hendon Division of the British Medical Association held clinical evenings at this hospital. On 21st November the combined Hendon and Harrow Divisions of the British Medical Association held a clinical evening here. The meetings were largely attended and voted a great success.

CO-OPERATION WITH GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Unfortunately there is a tendency for those working in hospitals to overlook the fact that most patients sent in for treatment are in their charge for a relatively short period of their illnesses. Patients come from practitioners and to practitioners the majority returns. If the results of investigation, treatment and operation, together with a recommendation in regard to the future line of treatment, are not communicated to the practitioner, a full hospital service is not being given. In this connection it is interesting to note that during the year more than 1,100 letters were sent by the Medical Superintendent to practitioners on the discharge of their patients. The letters of thanks received from practitioners show how much this service is appreciated.

MEDICAL STAFF.

Resident—

- 1 Medical Superintendent.
- 1 Deputy Medical Superintendent.
- 2 Assistant Medical Officers.

Visiting—

- 1 Surgeon.
- 1 Radiologist.
- 1 Dental Surgeon.

BEDS.

The beds allotted to men, women and children are as follows :—

Male, medical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	
Male, surgical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	
Male, isolation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	
								—	69
Female, medical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	
Female, surgical	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	
Female, isolation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	
								—	64
Maternity beds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	
Maternity cradles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	
								—	50
Children under seven	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		28
Sick nurses..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		2
								—	
Total..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		213
								—	

Each medical ward has, in addition, one special heart chair wherein a case of severe heart failure can be nursed continuously.

The allotment of an accident case to any one of the preceding parishes is governed by the following rules :—

- 1. A person admitted, who is normally resident within the County, becomes a case for the parish of residence, irrespective of the district in which the accident occurs.
- 2. A person admitted, not being normally resident within the County, becomes a case for the parish in which the accident actually occurs.
- 3. A person admitted from and normally resident outside the County area becomes a case for the parish of Hendon, being the parish in which the Redhill Hospital is situate.

III.—TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF TREATMENT OR THE TERMINATION.

Cured	2,258	Relieved ..	2,803 = 88·7 per cent.
Greatly relieved	293		
Relieved	207		
Slightly relieved	45		
In <i>statu quo</i>	92	Unrelieved ..	95 = 3·0 „
Worse	3		
Died	261	Died	261 = 8·3 „
Total	3,159		100 „

Patients for whom hospital treatment was indicated	2,981
Patients for whom infirmary treatment was indicated	178
Total	3,159

Of the total dealt with, infirm patients constituted 5·6 per cent.

N.B.—Patients in the advanced stages of disease, proved pulmonary tuberculosis cases, senile and bedridden patients, patients on re-admission for the same disease or disability, and infants admitted with mother are placed in the infirm category.

Deaths.

Ages.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under 1	21	13	34
1-5	12	7	19
5-10	5	4	9
10-15	6	2	8
15-20	7	2	9
20-30	13	12	25
30-40	11	14	25
40-50	15	9	24
50-60	17	18	35
60-70	20	15	35
70-80	19	11	30
Over 80	5	3	8
Totals.. ..	151	110	261

Deaths within 24 hours of admission	82*
„ „ 48 „ „	20
„ „ 72 „ „	14
	<hr/> 116
All other deaths	145
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Total	261
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31 per cent. of all deaths occurred within 24 hours of admission.

* Injuries	23
Terminal stage—	
Acute diseases	28
Chronic diseases	8
Other deaths within 24 hours	23
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For causes of death see Table VIIA.

IV.—TABLE SHOWING THE BEHAVIOUR OF PATIENTS AND THEIR MANNER OF DISCHARGE.

Patients whose behaviour was normal	3,090
„ „ „ abnormal	69*
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Total	3,159
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* Malingerer	1
Troublesome	20
Mentally deranged	31
Suicidal	12
Alcoholic	5
	<hr/> 69
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Discharged in the normal manner	3,047
„ at own request, with medical superintendent's approval	60
„ at own request, against medical superintendent's advice	50
Ejected	2
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Total	3,159
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V.—TABLE SHOWING WHITHER THE 3,159 PATIENTS WERE DISCHARGED.

Home	2,670
To Middlesex County Council's institution or home	162
To out-patient department	—
To convalescent home	23
To Middlesex County Council's general hospital	3
To other authorities' hospital or institution	8
To infectious diseases hospital	10
To mental hospital	2
To sanatorium	8
To voluntary hospital	12
Died	261
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Total	3,159
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VI.—AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR.

Beds—average daily complement	207
Beds—average daily number available	205
Beds—average daily number occupied	177
Patients per occupied bed—average number	17·8
Nursing staff—average daily strength	61·6
Occupied beds per nurse—average number	2·87
Admissions—average daily number	8·7
Dangerously ill—average daily percentage	7·9
Stay—average length in days per patient	20·5
Maximum number of beds occupied = 210 on 28th August.	
Minimum number of beds occupied = 155 on 3rd August.	

VII.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE DISEASES FOR WHICH THE 3,159 PATIENTS WERE PRIMARILY TREATED.

Termination	Sex :	Male.			Female.			Totals.
		Relieved.	Unrelieved.	Died.	Relieved.	Unrelieved.	Died.	
Births		199	—	6	181	—	5	391
Infants with mother		8	—	—	10	—	—	18
No disease		3	—	—	1	—	—	4
Diseases caused by infection* ..		115	6	40	99	11	26	297
Diseases of the—								
Nervous system		13	4	1	12	10	—	40
Eye		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ear		20	—	2	19	—	3	44
Nose and throat†		155	1	2	199	—	2	359
Circulatory system		24	7	21	32	3	10	97
Blood, spleen and lymphatic system.. .. .		18	1	—	13	—	—	32
Endocrine glands		2	—	—	4	—	1	7
Breast		—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Respiratory system		38	1	4	35	—	6	84
Teeth and gums		13	—	2	12	1	—	28
Digestive system		131	—	26	111	3	13	284
Diseases due to disorder of—								
Nutrition and metabolism		10	—	2	5	3	4	24
Diseases of the generative system		11	1	3	32	—	1	48
Normal and abnormal—								
Pregnancy }		—	—	—	546	—	10	556
Parturition }		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperium }		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the—								
Organs of locomotion		20	1	—	16	2	2	41
Areolar tissue and skin		35	1	—	23	—	—	59
Urinary organs		20	1	1	32	1	4	59
Injuries		364	—	31	152	3	9	559
Tumours and cysts		15	15	8	22	13	10	83
Malformations		16	2	1	1	2	3	25
Poisonings		3	1	1	8	—	1	14
Parasites		—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Totals		1,233	42	151	1,571	52	110	3,159
Grand Totals		1,426			1,733			

* All generally notifiable diseases, together with measles, German measles, chickenpox, whooping cough and mumps; also influenza and its complications, tuberculosis, venereal disease and rheumatic fever, in all its manifestations, together with rheumatic carditis, acute, subacute and chronic.

† Includes diseases of tonsils, naso-pharynx, pharynx and larynx.

VIIA.

Nature of Disease.	Medical			Surgical and Obstetrical.			Total.
	Relieved.	Unrelieved.	Died.	Relieved.	Unrelieved.	Died.	
Births	—	—	—	380	—	11	391
Infants with mother	18	—	—	—	—	—	18
No disease	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Diseases caused by infection* ..	210	17	66	4	—	—	297
Diseases of the—							
Nervous system	24	14	1	1	—	—	40
Eye	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ear	—	—	—	39	—	5	44
Nose and throat†	—	—	—	354	1	4	359
Circulatory system	41	10	31	15	—	—	97
Blood, spleen and lymphatic system.. .. .	8	1	—	23	—	—	32
Endocrine glands	1	—	1	5	—	—	7
Breast	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Respiratory system	73	1	10	—	—	—	84
Teeth and gums.. .. .	—	—	—	25	1	2	28
Digestive system	109	3	9	133	—	30	284
Diseases due to disorder of—							
Nutrition and metabolism ..	15	3	6	—	—	—	24
Diseases of the generative system	—	—	—	43	1	4	48
Normal and abnormal—							
Pregnancy, parturition and puerperium	—	—	—	546	—	10	556
Diseases of the—							
Organs of locomotion	23	3	—	13	—	2	41
Areolar tissue and skin	14	—	—	44	1	—	59
Urinary organs	35	—	4	17	2	1	59
Injuries	—	—	—	516	3	40	559
Tumours and cysts	—	—	—	37	28	18	83
Malformations	—	—	—	17	4	4	25
Poisonings	11	1	2	—	—	—	14
Parasites	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	588	53	130	2,216	41	131	3,159
Grand Totals ..	771			2,388			

* All generally notifiable diseases, together with measles, German measles, chickenpox, whooping cough and mumps ; also influenza and its complications, tuberculosis, venereal disease and rheumatic fever, in all its manifestations, together with rheumatic carditis, acute, subacute and chronic.

† Includes diseases of tonsils, naso-pharynx, pharynx and larynx.

Diseases and Conditions treated to a Conclusion.

(Groups arranged in order of frequency.)

					Treated.	Died.
Injuries, general and local	..	..	..	..	559	40
Pregnancy, parturition, puerperium	..	..	..	..	556	10
Diseases of ear, nose and throat	..	..	..	..	403	9
Births	..	..	..	..	391	11
Diseases caused by infection	..	..	..	..	297	66
Diseases of digestive system	..	..	..	..	284	39
					— 2,490	
Diseases of circulatory system	..	..	..	..	97	31
„ respiratory system	..	..	..	..	84	10
Tumours and cysts..	..	..	..	..	83	18
Diseases of areolar tissue, skin	..	..	..	..	59	—
„ urinary organs	..	..	..	..	59	5
„ generative organs	..	..	..	..	48	4
„ organs of locomotion	..	..	..	..	41	2
„ nervous systsm	..	..	..	..	40	1
					— 511	
Diseases of remaining eleven groups	..	..	..	..	158	15
					—	—
Totals	..	..	..	..	3,159	261
					—	—

More patients were treated for injury than for any other condition. The proportion is one in seven.

Of the numbers treated to a conclusion, 268 had fractures or dislocations. At no time were there less than 18 fracture cases in hospital. For a short period during the year 34 beds were occupied by fractures.

Few general hospitals in this country are called upon to provide beds for such a relatively large number of injuries to bones and joints. By reason of their helplessness these cases require, for long periods, constant attention on the part of the nursing staff.

The results obtained by treatment compare most favourably with those of the special orthopædic hospitals.

The following analyses are of interest :—

Analysis of Injuries treated to a Conclusion during the Year and the Results of Treatment.

—	Relieved.	Unrelieved.	Died.	Total.
Shock or other general injury	24	—	—	24
Cerebral concussion	74	—	—	74
Injuries to soft parts	182	1	10	193
Fractures and dislocations	236	2	30	268
Totals	516	3	40	559

There were very few cases of shock or cerebral concussion without additional and superficial injuries.

255 patients injured in street accidents are included in the above figures.

Analysis of Fractures and Dislocations treated to a Conclusion during the Year, together with their Nature and Results of Treatment.

	Nature.		Result.					Total.
	Simple.	Compound.	Very Good.	Good.	Medium.	Poor.	Died.	
Skull, vault	10	1	6	—	1	—	4	11
„ base	4	10	6	2	1	—	5	14
„ bones of face	5	2	3	3	1	—	—	7
Nasal bones, turbinates and septum ..	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	4
Vertebrae	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Ribs	10	—	8	1	—	—	1	10
Clavicle	6	—	4	—	2	—	—	6
Scapula	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Humerus	8	4	3	5	3	—	1	12
Radius or ulna, or both	12	2	10	2	1	1	—	14
Carpus, metacarpus or phalanges	6	7	3	2	8	—	—	13
Pelvis	8	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Femur, neck or great trochanter	7	—	1	1	2	2	1	7
„ shaft or lower end	17	1	12	1	2	1	2	18
Patella	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Tibia	16	1	16	1	—	—	—	17
Fibula	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	7
Tibia and fibula, simple	29	—	23	6	—	—	—	29
„ „ compound	—	16	9	3	2	—	2	16
Tarsus, metatarsus or phalanges	3	1	1	2	1	—	—	4
Multiple bony injuries, simple*	27	—	12	9	1	—	5	27
„ „ „ compound†	—	16	2	4	1	—	9	16
Fracture-dislocations, various	11	1	8	2	—	2	—	12
Dislocations, various	3	2	3	—	2	—	—	5
Separated epiphyses	6	—	2	4	—	—	—	6
Totals.. .. .	200	68	155	49	28	6	30	268

* Multiple fraetures of the vertebral column, hand and foot, and eases of fractured ribs, tibia with fibula, and radius with ulna are not included in this group unless assoeiated with one or more fraetures or disloeations elsewhere. Multiple fraetures of the bones of the skull, face and nose are not classifed as multiple. These are entered under that fraeture of the skull which is the more severe.

† One or more injuries being eompound, not necessarily all.

Male fracture cases	198
Female fracture cases	70
Total	268

25 per cent. of the fractures treated were compound.

Speeial Methods of Treatment.

By transfixion-extension	16
„ open operation	17
„ plaster of Paris	25
„ amputation	12

Manipulations under general anaesthesia (additional to above), 52.
3 patients had amputation through the femur ; 2 died.
9 patients had amputation of fingers or toes ; none died.
With few exceptions plasters were applied on the Hawley table.

Results of Treatment.

	1930.	1929.
Very good	155 = 58 per cent.	105 = 55 per cent.
Good	49 = 18 „	43 = 23 „
Medium or poor	34 = 13 „	25 = 13 „
Died	30 = 11 „	17 = 9 „
Totals	268	190

N.B.—The result of treatment is classified as “very good” only when the three following conditions are all fulfilled :—

- (1) Little or no depreciation of function.
- (2) Anatomical alignment of fragments.
- (3) Shortening, if present, not exceeding half an inch.

The result of a fracture successfully treated by amputation (minor or major) is classified as medium.

Of 34 patients whose results were medium or poor, 10 had amputations, 2 went out against advice, 1 was certified insane and 6 others were aged from 67 to 95.

As in previous years the majority of deaths results from multiple bony injuries and from fractures of skull.

VIII.—THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

Surgical.. .. .	Major operations	576
	Minor operations	1,342
		1,918
Anæsthetics	General	1,159
	Local	309
	Spinal	25
		1,493
Dental	Patients	247
	Treatments	582
Radiological	Patients investigated	850
	Investigations	1,347
Massage	Patients treated to a conclusion	306
	Treatments	4,989
Radiant Heat	Patients treated to a conclusion	33
	Treatments	780
Maternity	Women examined at ante-natal clinic	463
	Attendances at ante-natal clinic	1,671
	Births	424
	Obstetric operations.. .. .	48*
Pathological	Investigations	1,526
Ear, Nose and Throat	Operations	490*
Therapeutic and Diagnostic	Special procedures	555
Casualty	Cases treated but not admitted	611

NOTE.—Included in the above figures are the minor operations performed on, and the treatments given to, casualties. With the exception of the ante-natal clinic, no out-patient department at present exists.

* These operations are included in the numbers of major and minor operations and are not additional.
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1. DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY.

Analysis of operations performed during the Year.

	Major.	Minor.	Total.
<i>General—</i>			
On skin and superficial structures	4	487	491
On arteries, veins and lymphatics	1	6	7
On nerves	1	—	1
On bones and joints	68	222	290
On muscles, tendons, bursæ and fasciæ	—	13	13
Amputations	5	7	12
On skull, brain and spine	2	—	2
On face	—	1	1
On eye	—	29	29
On mouth, pharynx and œsophagus	—	1	1
On thyroid, accessory glands and neck	6	13	19
On breast	2	6	8
On thorax and contents	7	—	7
On abdominal wall and cavity	49	2	51
On stomach	25	—	25
On intestine, rectum and anus	109	7	116
On liver, gall bladder, pancreas and spleen	6	—	6
On kidney, ureter, bladder and urethra	66	58	124
On male generative organs	13	29	42
On female generative organs	72	16	88
Unclassified	—	9	9
	436	906	1,342
<i>Special Surgical Departments—</i>			
Obstetric	17	69	86
On ear, nose and throat	123	367	490
Grand Totals	576	1,342	1,918

1,039 operations took place in the main theatre. A detailed list of the operations performed during the year in the theatres and wards would serve no useful purpose. Below are given, under anatomical headings, the names and numbers of the operations most frequently performed.

On Skin and Superficial Structures—

These were incisions for abscesses, cellulitis, boils, carbuncles and whitlows, removals of foreign bodies from limbs and suturing of wounds. 278 of the 491 were done in the casualty department.

On Bones and Joints—

With few exceptions these were in connection with fractures and dislocations. Some have been detailed under analysis of fractures. Transfixions by pin and wire, and manipulations of fragments, with and without general anæsthesia, constitute the majority of the minor operations in this section. When the period of anæsthesia exceeded half an hour the operation is classified as major.

On Abdominal Wall and Cavity—

Herniotomy for inguinal hernia or femoral hernia	25
Herniotomy for ventral hernia or umbilical hernia	4
Laparotomy—exploratory	7
Laparotomy—for peritonitis	6

On Stomach—

Suture of perforated peptic ulcer	15
Gastro-enterostomy	6
Gastrectomy	2

On Intestine, Rectum, Anus—

For appendicitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85
For intestinal obstruction, chronic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
For intestinal obstruction, acute	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cæcostomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Various (via abdomen)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Sigmoidoscopy (minor operation)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
For hæmorrhoids	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

On Kidney, Ureter, Bladder and Urethra—

Cystoscopy (minor operation)	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
Cystoscopy and ureteric catheterisation	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Supra-pubic cystostomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Diathermy of vesical neoplasm	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

On Male Generative Organs—

Circumcision (minor operation)	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Supra-pubic prostatectomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	13

On Female Generative Organs—

Curettage for abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Uterine plugging	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
On ovary and/or tube	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Hysterectomy	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Colpo-perineorrhaphy	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Obstetric—

Repair of perineum	..	..	..	..	..	..	53*
Application of forceps	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Version	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Cæsarian section	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
For adherent placenta	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

*Included in these are the suturings of very minor tears and repairs of lacerations sustained before admission.

Laparotomy was performed 174 times.

N.B.—Herniotomies, other than those for ventral herniæ, and open operations on the kidney and bladder, of which last there were 47, are not included in the above number of laparotomies.

Eighty-five laparotomies were for appendicitis.

Analysis of Operations for Appendicitis Performed on Patients treated to a Conclusion.

	Males.			Females.			Totals.		
	Relieved.	Died.	Total.	Relieved.	Died.	Total.	Relieved.	Died.	Total.
Acute*	18	—	18	13	—	13	31	—	31
Acute with local peritonitis	5	1	6	6	—	6	11	1	12
Acute with local abscess	10	—	10	8	—	8	18	—	18
Acute with general peritonitis	3	3	6	4	1	5	7	4	11
Subacute or chronic	2	—	2	4	—	4	6	—	6
Totals	38	4	42	35	1	36	73	5	78

Operative mortality for acute cases = 6·9 per cent.

* Appendices proved by section to be acutely inflamed.

2. DEPARTMENT OF ANÆSTHETICS.

Analysis of Anæsthetics administered during the Year.

General—

Anæsthesia by chloroform, ether or mixture	870
„ nitrous oxide	60
„ nitrous oxide and oxygen	197
„ nitrous oxide, oxygen and ether	31
„ rectal ether	1
	— 1,159

Local—

Anæsthesia by application to mucous membrane	53
„ freezing with ethyl chloride	30
„ infiltration	140
Regional anæsthesia by infiltration and nerve block ..	86
	— 309

Spinal—

Anæsthesia by intrathecal injection	25
Total	1,493

3. DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Analysis of Treatments given during the Year.

Patients treated	247
Extractions—anaesthesia by chloroform, ether or mixture ..	38
„ „ nitrous oxide	142
„ „ local infiltration	80
„ „ nerve block	45
„ without anaesthesia	11
	— 316
Osteotomy for buried roots	4
Splinting fractured maxilla or mandible	14
Gum treatment and scaling	18
Fillings	57
Miscellaneous procedures	173
Total	582
Total number of teeth extracted	1,565

4. RADIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In-patients investigated	661
Out-patients investigated	189
Total patients investigated	850

Analysis of Investigations made during the Year.

	Appearances.		
	Normal.	Abnormal.	Total.
Skull and contents*	36	26	62
Lungs and mediastinum	38	89	127
Pleuræ and pleural conditions	—	43	43
Heart and aorta	2	13	15
Œsophagus, stomach and intestines	52	57	109
Biliary passages	14	8	22
Urinary system	34	35	69
Generative system	6	14	20
Bones and joints for injury	150	544	694
Bones and joints for disease or deformity	41	64	105
Miscellaneous	6	19	25
Teeth	12	44	56
Totals	391	956	1,347

* Fractures, diseases and deformities of skull are included in this section,

Special Methods of Investigation.

Barium meals	..	..	..	..	..	89
Barium enemata	..	..	..	..	..	11
Cholecystograms	..	..	..	..	..	17
Lipiodol injections	..	..	..	..	..	5
Pyelograms	..	..	..	..	..	22
Total	..	..	..	..	..	144
Number of radiograms taken	..	..	..	..	..	2,763
Average number of radiograms per patient	..	..	..	..	..	3.25

For the past few years the annual reports of most general hospitals have shown that, in each succeeding year, X-Ray investigations have been made in a larger percentage of the total number of patients treated. Improved apparatus, new methods of investigation and the wider knowledge and greater skill of those working in the speciality, have combined to make diagnosis by radiography more certain. It is for this reason that an ever-increasing number of patients is sent to the radiologist, not only for confirmation of a diagnosis, but also in order to exclude the presence of certain morbid conditions. A report stating that the appearance of a certain organ or part is normal is often of the greatest value. Nearly 50 per cent. of the investigations, detailed in the above analysis and showing normal appearances, were made to prove the absence of fracture.

5. MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.

Admitted for treatment	330		
Treated to a conclusion	306		
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Remaining under treatment		24		
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In-patients	315	Treatments	4,905
Out-patients	15	Treatments	84
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Total	330	Total	4,989
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61 of the 315 in-patients continued to attend after discharge from the wards, and received 521 of the 4,989 treatments given.

Average number of treatments per patient admitted	..	..	15
Medical cases admitted	..	..	79 = 24 per cent.
Surgical cases admitted	..	..	251 = 76 „
Total	..	..	330 = 100 „

Result of Treatment—										Per cent.
Good	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	255	..	83
Fair	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	14
Not improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	3
Treated to a conclusion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	..	100

6. RADIANT HEAT DEPARTMENT.

Patients treated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Treatments given	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	780
Average number of treatments per patient	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23.6

The result of treatment was good in every case save one, which was not improved. Patients receiving radiant heat for burns and scalds are not included in the above figures.

Burns and Scalds—

The combined tannic acid and radiant heat treatment of these conditions has been applied with success.

	Patients.	Died.	Mortality.
Treated by this method	32	4*	12·5
Treated by other methods	6	1	16·7
Totals	38	5	13·1

* 3 females, aged 82, 74 and 2 ; 1 male, aged 48.

7. MATERNITY DEPARTMENT.

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Ante-natal sessions held	49
Expectant mothers examined	463
Total attendances	1,671
Average number seen per session	34
Average number of attendances per expectant mother	3·6
Sent for dental treatment	40
Sent for pathological examination	26
Sent for radiological examination	19

Analysis of the 420 Deliveries which took place during the Year.

						Per cent.	
Mother Admitted	..	Via ante-natal clinic	..	..	353	84
		Not via ante-natal clinic	..	..	67	16
Total					..	420	100
Civil State	..	Married	..	..	377	90
		Unmarried	..	..	43	10
Total					..	420	100
Parous State	..	Primipara	..	..	214	51
		Multipara	..	..	206	49
Total					..	420	100
Presentation	..	Born before admission	..	..	4	
		Vertex—occipito-anterior	..	..	391	
		Vertex—occipito-posterior	..	..	11	
		Breech—uncomplicated	..	..	10	
		Breech—complicated	..	..	4	
		Face and brow	..	..	4	
		Transverse	..	..	—
Total					..	424	

There were 4 sets of twins. In 2 sets the presentations were vertex (occipito-anterior) and in 2 sets one twin was vertex (occipito-anterior) and the other breech.

Method of Delivery—	No.	Deaths.		
		Maternal.	Foetal.	Neo-Natal.
Natural forces	397	3	17	8
Natural forces after induction	9	—	—	—
Forceps	12	1	2	3
Forceps after induction	—	—	—	—
Version	—	—	—	—
Traction-extension to scalp	2	—	2	—
Cæsarean section.. .. .	3	1	1	—
Embryotomy	1	—	1	—
Total	424	5	23	11

A woman (not via ante-natal clinic) who died undelivered is not included in the above figures.

Medicinal inductions	8
Medicinal inductions followed by bougies	1

Traction-extension, by weight to volsellum forceps, used in 2 cases of placenta prævia.

	Cases.
Delivered by midwives	406
Delivered by doctors	18
Midwife sought medical assistance in	60

Labour—		Per cent.
Normal	380	90·5
Abnormal	36	8·5
Multiple	4	1·0
Total	420	100

Birth—		
Full time	375	88·4
Premature	26	6·1
Still-born	23	5·5
Total	424	100

Average weight at birth—ante-natal clinic infants	7 lbs. 4 ozs.
Average weight at birth—other infants	6 lbs. 14 ozs.
Infants not entirely breast-fed	7
Anæsthetics given for obstetric purposes	15
Average length in days of lying-in period	14

N.B.—The tables which follow deal with the maternity patients admitted, and infants born during the year.

Maternal Morbidity.

All fatal cases and all cases in which a temperature of 100·4 F. or more is sustained for a period of 24 hours or recurs during that period. (Ministry of Health Standard).

	Ante-Natal Clinic.	Non-Ante-Natal Clinic.	Total.
Deliveries and deaths undelivered	353	68	421
Pyrexial cases	6	2	8
Deaths	3	3	6
Pyrexial cases and deaths	9	5	14
Morbidity per cent.	2·55	7·35	3·32

Pyrexial Cases.
(Ministry of Health Standard.)

Live Births.	Mode of Delivery.	Causation.	Number of Cases.	
			Ante-Natal Clinic.	Non-Ante-Natal Clinic.
2	Natural forces	Acute mastitis	2	—
2	Natural forces	Pyelitis	2	—
1	Natural forces	Toxæmia and constipation	1	—
Still-born (macerated)	Natural forces	Reaction (mitral stenosis) (abnormal labour)	1	—
1	Forceps	Sapræmia	—	1
Still-born	Craniotomy	Sapræmia	—	1
6	—	—	6	2

Total pyrexial cases 8

Maternal Deaths.

Live Births.	Mode of Delivery.	Maternal Complication.	Number of Cases.	
			Ante-Natal Clinic.	Non-Ante-Natal Clinic.
1	Natural forces ..	Puerperal septicæmia. Chronic rheumatic valvular disease of heart	1	—
1	Forceps	Puerperal septicæmia. Persistent occipito posterior adherent placenta	1	—
Stillborn	Cæsarean section	Ante-partum hæmorrhage, placenta prævia	1	—
1	Natural forces ..	Eclampsia	—	1
1	Natural forces ..	Acute yellow atrophy	—	1
—	Undelivered ..	Acute yellow atrophy	—	1
4			3	3

Total maternal deaths 6

Maternal mortality—

Cases admitted—via ante-natal clinic85 per cent.
" " not via ante-natal clinic 4.41 "
Maternal mortality—all cases 1.43 per cent.

Infant Mortality—

Infants—born and survived 390 .. 91.9 per cent.
" still-born 23 .. 5.5 "
" born and died 11 .. 2.6 "

Total births 424 100 "

Infant mortality = 8 per cent. of all infants born (including still-births).
" " = 2.6 per cent. of all infants born alive.

Still-births.

Details of the 23 still-births.

No. of Infants.	Method of Delivery.	Causation.	Mother.		Infant.	
			Primipara.	Multipara.	Full Term.	Premature.
14	Natural forces ..	Toxæmia, accidental hæmorrhage	—	1	1	—
		Placenta prævia ..	—	2	2	—
		Toxæmia of pregnancy	4	1	—	5 (M.)
		" "	2	—	2 (M.)	—
		" "	2	—	1	1
		Anencephaly ..	—	1	1	—
		Syphilis	—	1	—	1 (M.)
2	Natural forces after failed forceps before admission	Prolonged abnormal labour	1	—	1	—
2	Breech	Intra-cranial injury	1	—	1	—
		Toxæmia of pregnancy	1	—	—	1 (M.)
2	Forceps	Prolapse cord ..	—	1	1	—
		Toxæmia of pregnancy	1	—	1	—
1	Forceps after cleidotomy	Placenta prævia ..	—	1	—	1
		Post-maturity ..	—	1	Post-mat.	—
1	Cæsarean section	Placenta prævia ..	—	1	1	—
1	Embryotomy ..	Post-maturity ..	1	—	Post-mat.	—
23			13	10	14	9

Note.—M. denotes macerated foetus.

Cause of Still-birth—

Maternal conditions	..	..	..	..	13	..	56·5 per cent.
Complications of labour	..	..	..	..	6	..	26·0 „
Placental states	..	..	..	..	—	..	—
Fœtal states	..	..	..	..	4	..	17·5 „
Total still-births..					23	..	100 „

*Neo-Natal Deaths.**

Details of the 11 neo-natal deaths.

No. of Infants.	Method of Delivery.	Maternal Complications.	Cause of Death.	Age.
1	Natural forces	—	Prematurity ..	8 days.
1	„ „	? Venereal disease ..	Prematurity ..	8 hours.
1	„ „	—	Prematurity ..	16 days.
1	„ „	—	Prematurity ..	4 days.
1	„ „	Quiescent pulmonary tuberculosis	Fœtal shock ..	2 days.
1	Forceps after failed forceps before admission	—	Fœtal shock ..	3 hours.
1	Forceps	—	Fœtal shock ..	2 days.
1	Natural forces	Catarrhal jaundice ..	Prematurity ..	1 hour.
1	Forceps	—	Tentorial laceration ..	8 days.
1	Born before admission ..	—	Prematurity ..	1 hour.
1	„ „	—	Prematurity ..	2 days.
11				

Cause of Death—

Prematurity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fœtal shock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Birth injury..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total neo-natal deaths								11

Analysis of Cases of Normal and Abnormal Pregnancy, Parturition and Puerperium treated to a Conclusion in Maternity and other Wards during the Year.

	Via Ante-natal Clinic.	Not via Ante-natal Clinic.	Total.
Pregnancy	—	1	1
Pregnancy and spurious labour pains	10	3	13
Toxæmia of pregnancy	5	5	10
Abnormal conditions of gravid uterus and ovum	—	1	1
Ectopic gestation	—	3	3
Pregnancy—placenta prævia	—	—	—
„ accidental hæmorrhage—non-toxæmic	1	—	1
Pregnancy and concomitant disease	6	20	26
Carried forward	22	33	55

* Deaths within 4 weeks of birth.

						Via Ante-natal Clinic.	Not via Ante-natal Clinic.	Total.
Brought forward						22	33	55
Abortion—threatened						1	5	6
,, complete						—	14	14
,, incomplete						—	48	48
,, missed						—	—	—
,, with local infection						—	3	3
,, with local pelvic infection						—	1	1
,, with general peritonitis						—	1	1
Labour—normal						294	42	336
,, normal and toxæmia of pregnancy						3	7	10
,, normal and concomitant disease*						23	6	29
,, abnormal						16	9	25
,, abnormal and toxæmia of pregnancy						1	1	2
,, abnormal and concomitant disease*						2	—	2
,, multiple						3	2	5
Puerperium—normal (admitted as such)						—	8	8
Puerperium and concomitant disease* (admitted as such)						—	1	1
Post-partum hæmorrhage (admitted as such)						—	2	2
Retained products of conception (admitted as such)						—	1	1
Puerperal infection, local (admitted as such)						3	2	5
,, ,, local pelvic (admitted as such)						—	2	2
Totals						368	188	556

* With few exceptions the concomitant disease was pyelitis.

						Normal.	Abnormal.	Total.
Conditions						358	198	556
Labour						375	29	409
							Multiple. 5	

386 women gave birth to 391 live children. 5 of these women died (3 ante-natal clinic, 2 non-ante-natal clinic).

Mortality per 100 women giving birth to live children = 1.29.

Deaths.

A.—Due to pregnancy and child-bearing (abortion and ectopic gestation included)						9
B.—Due to disease concurrent with pregnancy and child-birth						1
Total deaths						10

A.						B.		
Sepsis						Pneumonia and empyema		
Toxæmia								
Ante-partum hæmorrhage								
Post-partum hæmorrhage								
Abortion								

The post-partum hæmorrhage case died 15 minutes after admission.
The pneumonia and empyema case died 3 months after delivery.

8. PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Analysis of Investigations made during the Year.

	Made at	
	Redhill Hospital.	University College Hospital.
Throat swab—culture of K.L.B.	5	14
Pus—stained smear for organisms	2	—
Pus—culture for organisms	—	25
Smear—stained for gonococci	10	6
Swabbing—culture for gonococci	—	3
Blood—counts	93	4
„ —agglutination for T.A.B.C.	—	15
„ Wassermann reaction	—	155
„ —chemical estimation	141	15
„ —culture for organisms	—	11
„ —grouping	10	—
Cerebral spinal fever—various investigations	5	39
Pleural fluid—various investigations	3	22
Urine—microscopy of centrifugal deposit	274	—
„ bacteriological investigation	10	11
„ chemical investigations	77	14
Fractional test meal	22	—
Sputum—stained smear for T.B.	203	—
Fæces—bacteriological investigation	9	67
Pathological material for section and report	—	122
Post-mortem examinations	139	—
Totals	1,003	523
Total investigations	1,526	

Post-mortem Examinations—

These were made on the bodies of 53 per cent. of those dying in hospital. The percentages for 1929 and 1928 are 45 and 37 respectively.

The percentages at the various London voluntary hospitals range from 80 to 90.

9. EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENT.

Analysis of Operations Performed during the Year.

For aural furuncle, polypi, granulations	11
Paracentesis tympani	18
Mastoidectomy, incomplete	10
Mastoidectomy, complete	5
Mastoidectomy and drainage intra-cranial abscess	1
Mastoid curettages, plastics, dressings under general anæsthesia	32
On nose and sinuses—various	16
Enucleation of tonsils and adenoids	293
Dissection of tonsils	91
For quinsy	7
Removal of foreign body from œsophagus	3
Esophagoscopy	2
Tracheotomy	1
Total	490

The enucleation of tonsils and adenoids by blunt guillotine (Sluder method) is classified as a minor operation.

Death followed :—

1 mastoidectomy, incomplete, for acute mastoiditis with meningitis.

1 tracheotomy for scalds of throat.

10. SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

Analysis of Special Treatments given during the Year.

Injection of protein or special drug	..	..	..	..	..	126
Injection of serum	..	..	..	..	..	74
Injection of vaccine	..	..	..	..	..	8
Subcutaneous injection of saline	..	..	..	..	..	48
Multiple punctures of œdematous legs	..	..	..	..	..	5
Autohæmotherapy	..	..	..	..	..	20
Blood transfusion (auto. and hetero.)	..	..	..	..	..	9
Intravènous injection of saline or drug	..	..	..	..	..	74
Venesection	..	..	..	..	..	2
Injection of varicose veins	..	..	..	..	..	13
Lumbar puncture	..	..	..	..	..	55
Inhalation therapy (Speiss-Drager)	..	..	..	..	..	60
Paracentesis of pleural cavity	..	..	..	..	..	34
Paracentesis of abdominal cavity	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gastric lavage	..	..	..	..	..	24
Total	..	..	..	..	..	555
Jennerian vaccination	..	..	..	..	..	325

NOTE.—Hypodermic injections of drugs in common daily use, *e.g.*, morphia, atropine, strychnine, camphor, &c., are not included in this list.

COMPARATIVE TABLES FOR THREE YEARS.

	1928.	1929.	1930.
Beds—complement at 31st December	195	201	213
„ —average daily complement	180	192	207
„ —average daily number available	—	—	205
„ —average daily number occupied	133	163	177
Patients per occupied bed—average number per annum	13·4	15·7	17·8
Nursing staff—average daily strength	40·75	53·5	61·6
Occupied beds—average number per nurse	3·25	3·0	2·87
Admissions—average daily number	5	7	8·7
Admissions—percentage by medical superintendent	51	46	57·5
On danger list—average daily percentage	7·5	9·4	7·9
Length of stay—average in days per patient	27·4	23·2	20·5
Medical cases	592	728	771
Surgical cases—injuries	364	472	559
„ „ —ear, nose and throat	203	295	403
„ „ —other	280	408	479
Pregnancy, parturition, puerperium	222	400	556
Births (born and discharged)	127	262	391
Treated to a conclusion	1,788	2,565	3,159
Patients—relieved	83·2	87·3	88·7
„ —unrelieved	7·0	3·2	3·0
„ —died	9·8	9·5	8·3
Infirm cases	13·3	9·4	5·6
Operations—major	332	420	576
„ —minor	831	1,097	1,342
Total	1,163	1,517	1,918
Anæsthetics—general	749	1,048	1,159
Dental patients	118	161	247
Dental treatments	203	272	582
Radiological investigations	606	911	1,347

	1928.	1929.	1930.
Massage treatments	3,410	4,781	4,989
Radiant heat treatments	175	96	780
Ante-natal clinic, women examined	164	274	463
„ „ attendances	472	1,038	1,671
Confinements	138	287	420
Maternal morbidity per cent.	3·62	8·71	3·32
Mortality per 100 women bearing live children	0·80	0·76	1·29
Infant mortality (maternity department)	12·1	10·3	8·0
Pathological investigations	358	1,043	1,526

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